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WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

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WE are obliged to record the first death of an adult member of the Hainan Mission, Rev. J. C. Melrose, just six years from the time he sailed for his field. His condition was not alarming until ten days before the end, which occurred after forty-eight hours of unconsciousness. Writing last August, while he was still in health, Mrs. Vanderburgh mentioned "the wise and faithful management of Mr. Melrose" as a chief factor in the prosperity of school and church at Nodoa. Now, Mr. Leverett writes: "We are overcome with grief in the loss of a dear friend and earnest, consecrated fellow-worker." Their baby having been taken just before her father, Mrs. Melrose is peculiarly stricken. We bespeak much prayer for the widow and fatherless.

IN the death of their little Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting have for the fifth time been called to part with a dear child.

MR. SPEER returned in splendid health from his missions visitation, October 30, having made the last stage of his journey from Harrisburg, Pa., after one o'clock A.M., in order to be at his desk on the day his leave of absence expired. It will hardly be worth while for every one of our presbyterial societies to send him a request to address them, as his invitations already run on to April next, but when he does speak in your vicinity it would be wise to take some trouble to join yourself to that audience. Mrs. Speer has proved an equally good traveler and one of her delightful reports will be found in these pages.

MR. M. HENRY KERR is on his way home from Bululand, a necessary health change for him and a pleasant surprise at the Rooms.

DR. WHERRY arrived at Peking, September 9, having traveled by the new railroad from Tientsin, a novel sensation to a veteran in China.

ANOTHER of the veterans, Dr. C. W. Mateer, deprives himself of his Tungchow home for three months, while he is absent at Wei Hien teaching the theological class and ever toiling away on Bible translation.

THE debt of the Board of Foreign Missions has been reduced, since one month ago, by twenty-four thousand dollars, and now stands at $62,118.49. Of the entire offerings to wipe out the debt, so far, one-fourth has been given by missionaries; by individuals, $19,290,-26: by the Synod of New York assembled in Utica, $6,267.08.

IN August, Chieng Mai, Laos, reported the addition of sixty-three adults to full membership of the church, during the previous nine months. Many families in this church live at distances of five to thirty miles away, and great activity in overlooking this scattered flock characterized the summer at the station. From nearly all the churches in Laos comes report of additions during the summer, and, voicing the desire of the workers, Mr. Freeman writes:

> "Mercy-drops round us are falling,
> But for the shower we plead."

REVIVALS, if not in the missions of our own Church, have at a number of points marked the closing year as one of the brightest in mission history. In the Zulu Mission, founded fifty years ago, a glorious work of grace began with the week of prayer and continued all summer. One of the senior missionaries says: "Some of these men and women, baptized by the Holy Ghost, have become flames of fire to preach the gospel, proving that they have imbibed the spirit of the early Christians and showing, as we think, that they are working in the spirit of the holy Master."

IN East Central Africa, youngest mission of the American Board, the first church has been organized at Mt. Selinda. More than five hundred souls were

added to the Micronesia churches. Foochow Mission has received five hundred and forty-eight to the church, or almost fifty per cent. of the whole membership one year ago, while two thousand inquirers make joyful, albeit exhausting, labor for the missionaries. In Fuhkien province, during the year following the massacre, there were about five thousand baptisms and a hundred villages were asking for Christian teachers.

DURING the missionary service of men yet on the field the body of Chinese Christians has been built up to the number of 80,000. When Bishop Moule went out, there were less than fifty Christians in the empire.

ON May 21, two French Protestant missionaries were murdered in Madagascar while on their way to attend a mission meeting. One of them was Pastor Escande, and now his cousin, M. Elisée Escande, has left his church in Paris and with another missionary gone to fill the breach in Madagascar, while other men of ability have also come forward for the same service.

TWO missionaries of the Rhenish Society have been murdered in Shantung, and a third is missing. This station is only about forty miles south of Chiningchow. The German government is investigating the case.

IN September, our seaport station on Hainan was visited by a severe typhoon. Boats were wrecked, sailors drowned, foreigners' houses in Hoihow flooded; one of the hospital chimneys was thrown down and water stood a foot deep on the lower floor, which was purposely built higher than any previous typhoon watermark. At least one mission family spent a fearful night, dreading lest at any moment the house in which they were should be swept away. An epidemic of cholera threatened children in two missionary homes about the same time. These adversities added to the death of Mr. Melrose make last September a month long to be remembered in Hainan Mission.

OUR frontispiece is from a photograph taken by Mrs. Beutel, an English missionary. It is one of twelve interesting photographs presented in an album to the Women's Board, New York, by Mrs. M. M. Carleton of North India. A duplicate album (8x10 in.) may be obtained by sending five dollars (international money order) to Rev. F. Beutel, Kotgarh, *via* Simla, Punjab, India. An album one size smaller may be had for four dollars ($4.00).

THE woman's foreign missionary society of the First Church in Princeton, N. J., has pledged "a Christmas gift to our Lord" which they will apply to furthering his cause by lowering the debt of the Board.

THE *News Letter* of Wellington, So. Africa, reports the sturdy answer of a Kaffir woman. The missionary told her that although she was black Jesus could make her white in His precious blood. "I do not wish to be made white," she said, "but I want Jesus to pardon my sins."

ONE of the Syrian teachers in the Beirût boarding-school after a service of twenty-four years is to have a furlough of rest. Such an instance points to permanence in the institutions that have been planted in our missions.

THE tragedy of toil, which is the lot of native women not only but falls early on young shoulders in Oriental countries, received illustration in the mountain village of Jedeideh. A little sister of one of the school-girls fell dead not long ago, after bringing home the customary jar of water. The strain had broken a blood vessel.

The Gleaner (London) quotes from the report of an English missionary, Miss Hewlett: "What does the word *Interested* mean? It comes from *inter esse*, 'to be among'—so to be 'interested' in India means, not being amused by accounts of queer customs or personal adventures, but being *among* the people of India in thought and sympathy and prayer, if not in person. There may be a real *inter esse* regarding the heathen world, even while we are basking in English privileges at home, and that is true interest." Miss Hewlett thanks those friends who in this sense, by prayer and gifts, are "among" the cots in their hospital at Amritsar, "among" the patients in the dispensary, "among" the medicine bottles, "among" the children and women.

"The mass of even our best Christians still look on the foreign field as of only secondary concern—at least as work for only a devoted few, but not for all. The Continental idea of 'every man a soldier' is the true watchword for the Church and for missions."—MACKAY OF UGANDA.

ITINERATING WITH A MEDICAL MISSIONARY IN SYRIA.

My regular sphere is in Sidon Seminary, where thoughts and hands are filled mainly with school duties, but several times during vacation I have been privileged to help on the evangelistic side of medical work, and it is of some of my experiences out with Dr. Mary Eddy, here in Syria, that I wish to write.

What crowds there used to be that summer, when we spent several weeks in Kfair! To the first clinic came only a few, to the second more, and soon the number of patients became so great that it was impossible to treat all without far overstepping the regular limit of hours. The news kept spreading that the *hakeemeh* (wise one or doctor) had arrived, and the people kept coming. Early in the morning, before we were out of our traveling beds, there would be people waiting outside anxious to get the first chance in the distribution of tickets. As they were admitted by ones and twos into the room that was bedroom by night and dispensary by day, my part was to sit outside and, by means of pictures tacked up on the walls or in other ways, interest the waiting crowd in gospel truth. The majority of those treated in that village were Druzes and nominal Christians (Catholics, Greek Church, Protestants), though a few Moslems also came.

The evening was another time of seed-sowing, for nearly every night we had a gathering, when singing aided by the little organ was followed by a short Scripture lesson and prayer. As the nights were absolutely still in Kfair, without a breath of air stirring, we had several of these evening gatherings at the wine-press back of the house. Candles stuck to rocks or held in the hand, a lamp and a lantern or two, gave sufficient light to those who, out of the audience of several hundred, were able to read. When a little girl fell into one of the deep stone vats it created only a temporary excitement, for as soon as the child was helped out the babel of voices was quieted by a hymn—but it was babel while it lasted!

At another time Doctor hired a part of the house occupied by a friendly

GROUP OF NUSAIRIYEH.

Greek priest. This was in Qur'aun, a village on anti-Lebanon in the Zahleh field. Round about us lay a number of villages, and several afternoons were spent in visiting different ones. In one, we (for I had a Sidon academy boy as escort) went to the home of the Moslem sheikh of the place, as I knew no one there. He was most courteous and gave me an opportunity to read and talk with the women of his household. Another time we went to a little village back of Qur'aun by a path so steep that I walked up as well as down. There I had a small audience of Moslems and Christians, the men fairly intelligent, the women densely ignorant. The most prepossessing of the women is the mother of a girl who spent several years in our seminary and now is wife of the teacher and preacher in Qur'aun. I was interested to learn that in Mejdel, though the Moslems have an ordinary modern graveyard, Christians bury their dead in ancient rock-cut tombs.

In Baniâs the conditions differed materially. It was spring time and the earth was beautiful with grain and flowers. As it was Easter vacation, I had a good opportunity to slip away from Sidon for a week and join Dr. Mary and Miss Ford, who was then with her. The tents were pitched near that wonderful spring which gushes out from under the rocks near to the site of ancient Cæsarea Philippi, and though we saw no demoniac healed there, who shall say that the doctor's efforts for many sick ones were not owned and blessed of God, as in Christ's name and strength she daily ministered to them?

BRIDGE AT BANIAS, AT THE SOURCE OF THE JORDAN.

During the clinics we used to take our Testaments and go out under the trees where the patients were waiting. Miss Ford would choose one group and I another, and after talking and reading awhile we would pass on to others. Our question, whether they would like to have us read, always met with a ready response, whether the audience were Moslem, nominal Christian or Nusairiyeh.

There are three villages of the last-named heathen sect not far from Baniâs. In many of their customs and expressions they are much like their Moslem neighbors, but they have no mosques and are very reticent as to their religious beliefs. Many think their religion is a survival of the old Baal worship. The sheikh of the village from which most of the Nusairiyeh patients came has several wives, and one of them, Sitt Fudda, came bringing her little girl, a child I longed to get into Sidon Seminary. Afterward Miss Ford and I visited their village, and she had a quiet and orderly meeting with the men while I had a simultaneous meeting, anything but quiet and orderly, with the women. Why is it that women *will* talk — unless educated out of it?

One of the most grateful persons I ever saw was a black slave woman in the family of the Moslem sheikh of Baniâs. It was last spring. The year before, Doctor had given back to her the use of her one remaining eye, the other having been ruined by some native doctor's manipulations. When she saw Dr. Mary she fairly bubbled over with joy and gratitude, after the manner of her race, kissing her hand, holding to her dress and calling down blessings on her head.

Besides the respectable-looking, well-dressed women who pay for the privilege of being doctored, many come who are too poor to pay anything. Men and children also come, but men are treated only for eyes, ears and throat. Eye patients are the most numerous, and people in America can hardly imagine the suffering from that cause alone, especially among the poor and those not cleanly in their habits. They are pitiful-looking eyes that Doctor attends to— removing granulations, changing the direction of in-growing lashes, dissolving white spots, etc. I was present while she performed the operation for cataract upon a woman who had come a journey of four hours to have it done. How happy were both patient and Doctor when upon removal of the bandages the woman said, "I see!" At the last place where I attended her clinics, Doctor had an interesting man among her

eye-patients. He came with his little boy from another village, leaving his shop for the sake of having his eyes cured. He slept on the porch, and depended for food partly on his own supplies and partly on the charity of Doctor's cook. He is a Moslem by birth, but in reality a Christian. Once when, disheartened by the indifference of some nominal Christian women to whom I had been talking, I went over and sat by him and his bright-eyed little boy, I was made happy by the clear faith in Christ as the Son of God that he manifested. Though he does not parade his religion, he makes no secret of it. Doctor gave the boy a book, and many long hours, of waiting the turn for treatment, were passed by the boy in reading and the father with covered face listening.

Wherever Doctor pitches her tent or settles in her hired house for clinics, that place at once becomes a centre for Gospel work. We find many women of the Christian sects, as the Maronite and Greek Church, fearfully ignorant. I asked one of those women what Christ came to earth for. Her face was a blank. "What did he do here?" "What did he come for?" No variation in the question gave her any light, and she could not tell why Christ came or where he was born. Often if I ask the women to explain to me what I have been reading, they will say, "We are donkeys, we don't understand things." Once when I thought from their appearance that they were interested, suddenly one exclaimed: "*Ya sitt!*" (O lady!) "if you would only make for us an opportunity to see the doctor and get us into the dispensary first, we would afterward listen to you." Often they seemed more interested in the opening and shutting of the door and calling out of the numbers than in anything else. But though many are indifferent, yet some are interested, and to many it is their one opportunity for hearing the Gospel, for only the hope of medical treatment draws them within reach of the teacher's voice. Where the simple Gospel has been preached, and women's meetings have been held, the difference is vast.

One becomes much interested in patients that she sees day after day. The time is not always long enough for a cure to be perfected, and she wonders if they go on improving after the doctor leaves. Do they follow directions and keep the powerful ointment out of the reach of baby fingers? Do they carefully wash their eyes before using medicine for them? Do you suppose that woman took her doses regularly three times a day, or did she combine them and take them all at once? Did some one else let her neighbor share her medicine with her, out of generosity, since they apparently have the same trouble? Poor, ignorant, untrained women! Poor, uneducated, helpless mothers!

Charlotte H. Brown.

August, 1897.

"NO CERTAIN DWELLING-PLACE."

This many a missionary has said when forced, by ill health, climate, demands of work or of irate landlords, to seek another home. This I said with fresh emphasis this year, for, late in the spring, we were forced to find another house for our home in Beirût, and two weeks later we changed also the retreat on Mount Lebanon, to which we are obliged every summer to resort from the heat. Two movings within a month led me to recall the different places and houses in which we have had our home during forty-five years in Syria. Counting them up I find the number to be twenty-six. In Aleppo we sought a healthy locality in vain, though we lived in three houses. Antioch, our next home, was no better, so we came south to Kefr Shima to recuperate at the foot of Mount Lebanon, and later to Abeih, high up on its slopes. Sidon was our home for twenty and more years during the winter, but in the meanwhile our summer retreats were varied: Aleih, Deir Mimas, Jebaa, wherever pure air and cold fountains and freedom from ophthalmia, with a suitable house, could be secured. Then our winter home was changed to Beirût and our summer homes were of course in its vicinity—Shemlan, Suq el Ghurb, and this summer finds us back in Abeih. Is it not so that we have had no certain dwelling-place?

We had, after trying four different

houses in Beirût, settled down in one for six years. It seemed just the right size, in every respect comfortable. Can you not picture what a peculiar trial it was this spring to be compelled to seek a new home? No advertising columns to guide us, no lists or agents. We must, with the aid of a kind, efficient Syrian friend, hunt up our house,—a healthy location, suitable size, and above all a reasonable rent. One bewails the time lost and strength spent in personal inspection of many places; finally, our friend assures us the right place is found. We have our doubts, but no other is available, so this is secured. Now for the moving. Not a closet in the new home. Wardrobes, shelves, bookcases, must be emptied and moved first—not on carts, nor mules, nor camels, but on the backs of sturdy Druze mountaineers who come to the city for the winter and become porters. Watches are set on the road to see that these loads suffer no loss by the way. One room after another is speedily emptied by this active corps and the key is turned by us for the last time in the door, and we go out again to a new uncertain dwelling-place.

One fact of interest which we found out from Mrs. Van Dyck about our new home is that the lower story was once occupied over fifty-six years ago by a missionary, Mr. Leander Thompson. This fact makes us eager to fit it up again so it may be a resting-place for our fellow missionaries from the interior, a place to which Syrian and American friends may come, and where they may gather for prayer and praise. While thinking how to adapt it for these uses, a gift came from some of our associates in the homeland, who had heard of our enforced flitting, wishing us "to make the new habitation more comfortable." Was not this a lovely thought emanating from hearts filled with love for the Master? Will not our home, brightened by the touch of their loving hands stretched across the seas, become a centre of blessing to others? We hope so. We go down next week to open its doors for another winter's campaign and will begin with new hope to labor here—ever looking forward to the home which is being prepared for us, planned for us in our Father's many mansions, from which if we enter in we shall "go out no more forever."

(Mrs. W. W.) *H. M. C. Eddy.*

ABEIH, Syria, Oct. 7, 1897.

NEED OF A MISSIONARY PASTORATE.

Our editor has asked me to say a word on the need of a missionary pastorate, else I had never dared. Perhaps I need not be afraid in this magazine, unread by men!

The pews are lower than the pulpit. They are never expected to criticise or answer back. Especially as some of the pastors, even of ours, are tarrying still in Corinth and command the women to keep silence and not speak or teach. You see I do not arraign the apostle Paul, the best friend we ever had after the Master, but Corinth and its inhabitants. Do these consistent pastors omit Bible classes and the service of song in the house of the Lord? They ought also to omit lamps and windows and grope in dim religious light (or darkness).

Well, if I could whisper to the men in the pulpit in behalf of the missionaries, I would say to them humbly, earnestly, lovingly, the words of the apostle Paul, so often reiterated, "Brethren, pray for us." Oh, ministers, pause and think of the foreign missionary meaning of the petitions in the first part of the Lord's Prayer. Whoever could have made those Westminster catechism comments and never once said "foreign missions" when there is nothing else there? The comments are so good, even grand and sublime, but so inadequate, with vision limited and selfish. God's providence and God's word have moved on and left them behind, *passé*. No wonder they need "revising." No one would ever dare write such comments now, even if he wanted to. The little children carrying palms and the very stones would cry out.

Children do not think it a thing incredible that God should convert the world. Christian Endeavorers, almost without leaders, form Tenth Legions and rally to the crusade.

I have met ministers who said to me: "When I was young I wanted to go, and offered myself to the Foreign

Board." Health reasons or something else prevented. But these men were cold and had lost their first love. How could they? Can any soul retract such a consecration? Once enlisted, always a soldier to follow where the Son of God goes forth to war, in foreign missions. They might have been faithful to the cause at home and roused their neighbors and kept the banner waving all the time. Hear the words of the missionary Christ, and they imply a command, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

I have heard many ministers say as if seeking relief from wounded consciences, "I am glad the women have taken up the work of foreign missions, it will be done now." And I have heard this excuse offered for the discontinued missionary concert, "Our church has a very fine woman's society." How many pastors in the pulpit Sunday morning, or at any regular time, remember foreign missions? How many feel the obligation to teach this duty to their people? There was once a little company of women who agreed to ask their pastors if they would not pray for foreign missions, at least one petition, Sunday morning. But it soon failed. The clocks needed too conspicuous winding up; the women, abashed, retreated; it was too offensively "woman's work." As women, we disclaim it. If we do our part (alas, we do not), that is no reason for men to withdraw and say "woman's work," and turn to something else, or nothing else. The very cause we have gloried in because part of it was ours, and we named our magazine for it, we almost want to disclaim if "woman" means "not man," and foreign missions are left to us, and even the pulpits are laying off responsibility on our weak shoulders. We need men to lead us and teach us and show us how. Please look at the statistics of Woman's Boards and church gifts to this cause. I do not dare to quote them, being only a woman, and unwilling to widen the breach to make our service conspicuous. I wish there were no Woman's Boards, that is, no need of them. I wish the missionary Boards were the churches, and the leaders the pastors, whose voice the sheep would follow. If any pastor should (most improbably) see these lines, I would recommend to him as a starting point in the way of help, *The Missionary Pastor* by Rev. J. S. Adams, and Dr. Dennis' new book, *Foreign Missions and Social Progress*, and our magazines, and the Lord's Prayer and the Bible. Also occasional missionary sermons, the monthly concert, foreign missionary petitions in the public prayer Sunday morning, and a heart always full of enthusiasm for this cause, asking, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Oh, for such missionary pastors! How they would hasten the millennium! There are many good ones already. God bless them and multiply them!

Sarah J. Rhea.

VACATION AT JEDEIDEH, SYRIA.

We have again been summering in the shadow of old Mount Hermon, my sister and I, in company with some of our associates of Sidon station. It has been a precious season of refreshment and of gathering "Summer Driftwood for the Winter Fires," as well as of giving out sympathy and help to those about us according to the ability of each. Mrs. Ford, with her years of training in the school of prayer, has been a benediction to the rest of us.

Among the Protestants of this village there are some humble, faithful witnesses. It has been a comfort to meet and commune with them. There are many who have been taught the way of life, and a larger number are able to read the Gospel for themselves than in most villages.

You would enjoy a service in the odd little chapel, with its flat earth roof over which swings the bell in full view. At half-past eight it rings and we scurry off to church. The way is a rocky one, over stone walls and under fig trees now laden with fruit. On arriving, we sit in rows on the floor, spread with coarse straw matting, and curl our feet into the smallest space possible. From the ceiling hangs the bell-rope. A blind boy gropes for it and rings it with an energy that lifts him half-way to the ceiling Between the brethren and the

sisters is a calico curtain, under which the babies play bo-peep. It is always amazing to notice how one more can always crowd in when the room seems quite full. No extra chairs are handed down the aisles, they only step over each other's shoulders and fill up the spaces.

JEDEIDEH CHAPEL.—"BELL IN FULL VIEW."

As in America, the ones who come first are apt to drop down near the door, and I have seen women come in and walk right over a few small children's heads without their special wonder.

The pastor's rooms are a part of the church edifice, and he enters from his own door carrying a china plate covered with a handkerchief for receiving the collection. A man passes it on his side and a woman on her side. Of course all leave their shoes at the door, else there might be more dodging of heads when this act is performed, as it is really a feat to walk through this congregation.

It is the custom in Syria to stand in prayer, but we sit to sing. At these times the sleepy ones wake up and join, but, looking into their sun-burned, toil-worn faces, you cannot help being touched at the almost immediate return to nodding and dozing, especially as the book language of the preacher is apt to be above their understanding.

I think the best part of all is after service, when the women linger around Mrs. Ford and she "reviews the sermon," or, rather, translates and explains the text and questions the women until they go away with beaming faces and some blessed truths in their hearts.

Another sweet time is Thursday afternoon, when forty or fifty of them gather in this building where we are living and listen to the Bible lesson like little children, often chiming in with comments or texts that perhaps their children in the schools have taught them. This is really the girls' school building, and two hundred were in attendance when we first came, but it is now vacation time.

A nice girl here is to return with me to Beirût for higher studies; she wishes to study English. Others go to Sidon, both boys and girls. Five young men of the village are in Beirût College and speak English well. They, with other boys and men, come to us every Friday evening for singing and prayers. The girls gather after Sabbath-school, and a number who cannot go to school are trying to learn to read; but it is slow work. A woman who has been applying herself for many years takes great satisfaction in spelling out the story of the Sermon on the Mount and a few incidents in our Saviour's life.

A girl visited us to-day who has the Gospel of John in raised type and learned enough in the blind school at Tyre to make her happy all her life. Her face is full of sunshine and her name, "Peace," suits her well. The blind boy who rings the church bell is persistent in asking to be sent to a blind school. He calls frequently, presents us with baskets of grapes and tries to satisfy us of his ability to learn by reciting words in French and English that he has picked up from the school boys. Of course he is poor, and poverty is the rule in Jedeideh.

Taxes are so high that hardly more than food and raiment remain to well-to-do people. A near village noted for its delicious melons has had none this year, as they would not be profitable after paying eighteen per cent. of the crop to the government.

An unpleasant interruption of our summer peace occurred to-night. It is a wife-beating case, and all the village turns out to have a say in the matter. The cries of excited people have filled the air for hours and promise to con-

tinue into the night. The husband cut off his wife's hanging braids with her gold coins dangling at the ends. She will probably go home to her father, and, after awhile, friends will negotiate peace between the pair and coax her back to her husband.

Ellen M. Law.

THE PLACE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN THE PRAYER MEETING.

The most practical topic of the whole year for workers in the home land is given us for consideration this month, viz., "The Home Church and Foreign Missions." If we might be sure that there would be prayerful consideration of the various subdivisions of this topic (as is intended by those who suggested and arranged them) by Sessions, Presbyteries and Synods, by the Foreign Mission Committees and by the entire pastorate of the church, we might be sure of a great deepening of interest in foreign missions throughout the entire membership of our beloved church. One of these subdivisions, "The Place of Foreign Missions in the Prayer Meeting," is of vital and practical import to every Christian.

The weekly prayer-meeting is the place where every professing Christian is expected to be present, and where, perhaps as in no other place, the "communion of saints" is realized. If the topic be put in interrogatory form, "What place should foreign missions take in the prayer meeting?" we should emphatically answer, "a leading place." If it be true, as has been recently said by a layman of our church, that "The great business of the church is to carry on mission work; for this purpose was the church organized and all else is subordinate to it," then the place where those who compose the church meet for prayer is that where the last command of the Lord should be most plainly heard and the petition "Thy kingdom come" be often, nay, always offered; where, indeed, following the example given in the prayer taught by our Lord himself, this petition should precede every other. Is there not significance in the fact that petition for the setting up of his Kingdom in the earth is the very first petition offered? Should not the desire be first in every heart that all men everywhere may know of Christ and his salvation? If so, why not always voice the desire, asking *first* for this, then presenting our own needs as a community, a church and individuals?

In prayer meetings throughout our church the prayers of the congregation are generally offered by brethren of the church. This is in accord with the old-time practice of conservative Presbyterianism and, as many think, in accord with Pauline teaching, and certainly the women of our present congregations think this is well. But the brethren may always be assured that responsive chords of sympathy and hearty "Amens" will always be found in the hearts of Christian women whenever their petitions embrace the needs of the whole world; when our brave, toiling missionaries are carried with words of love and earnest desire to the Throne of Grace, and weak, tempted, oft-times persecuted native Christians are remembered in earnest supplication to the loving Father. The women's missionary societies in all our churches are making known to large numbers the spiritual needs of the world as they have never before been known. The darkness of heathenism and the woes and dire distress of all under the ethnic religions, are made vivid in literature that now finds place in almost all Christian homes, and many earnest prayers rise from the hearts and lips of women who meet from month to month in their missionary meetings.

No one need now be unfamiliar with the spiritual condition of any country on the face of the globe. Our church magazines and the literature of our Woman's Boards may make so vivid to us the one great need of a lost world that if love of souls is in the heart it will be an impossibility that a prayer meeting be held when the great subject of foreign missions should not be made prominent.

In many churches pastors and laymen are utilizing with great profit the literature of the woman's societies. Recently a member of a certain church brought to prayer meeting on the evening set apart to missions such an array of interesting facts regarding the special topic under consideration that at the close of

the meeting he was surrounded by eager questioners as to where he found so much of such deep interest. "In my wife's *Manual of Missions*," was his reply. It is certainly true that any man in our church who desires to interest a prayer-meeting audience in foreign missions can find plenty of material of the most telling kind in his wife's library, if she be indeed "one of those missionary women." And, too, it is well known that some pastors, recognizing the interest in missions and the ability to interest others on the part of the women of their churches, at times give the conduct of a "monthly concert" to them either wholly or in part. Many profitable meetings have been the result, and many pastors are now blessing the day when women of their churches became intelligent upon the subject of foreign missions, because of the helpful influence of a live missionary society upon their churches.

May God speed the day when the prayer-meeting audience throughout all our churches shall be made up of men and women who are intelligently and from the heart interested in the world-embracing cause of foreign missions, that thus the great petition "Thy kingdom come" may ever be, as our Lord taught that it should be, foremost on the lips and in the hearts of all petitioners.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. *Adeline T. Rowley.*

VACATION EXPERIENCES IN COLOMBIA.

In July and August last, I was obliged to pass a few weeks at Serrezquelita, a wayside inn not far from Bogotá. The family who keep the inn are fanatical Catholics, but one of the young women seemed anxious to converse on the subject of the Protestant religion. One day she and I were resting by the roadside after a little walk, when there passed by a company of travelers, evidently bound on a journey of some length. She said to me: "*Estos son promiseros.*" "What do you mean by that?" I asked. "They are pilgrims on their way to Chiquinquirá to pay their vows to the Virgin there." [Chiquinquirá is a famous shrine three days' ride distant from Bogotá.] "Do you think," I said, "that these people believe the Virgin there can work miracles?" She said, "Of course they believe it." Then smiling, she added, "But you do not believe it." "I believe only in God, and in his Son, Jesus Christ, and you can find no place in the Bible where we are taught to worship the Virgin or saints," was my reply. To which she answered, as she had often before: "Truly, your religion *is* better than ours." Several days later she came to me and said, "To-day I went to confession, but I confessed to God and not to the priest."

MAN ON THE PAVEMENT IS JUST PASSING THE PROTESTANT CHURCH IN BOGOTÁ.

A sister of this young woman, a widow, came to me with an offer to give me one of her daughters, a girl of fifteen, to keep as my own and to educate as I saw fit. I did not see my way clear to take the child, but offered to speak to the *directoras* of the girls' school, to see if there might be a scholarship open to her. You might be surprised to know how many parrots, dogs, children and other embarrassing gifts have been presented to me. If all had been accepted, I should now have quite a family, as well as a respectable zoological garden.

An amusing incident occurred one day at Serrezquelita. The key of the pantry had been mislaid, and after searching for

it in all parts of the house, the women lighted a candle and placed it before the picture of the Virgin. One of them then

SHRINE TO THE VIRGIN IN SALT MINE AT CIPAQUIRÁ.

placed the picture of Saint Anthony, and another the picture of another saint, face downward under the bed, that this temporary disgrace might act as a stimulus to the saints to produce the missing key. At last the key was found on the table just where it had been left, and a discussion arose as to which saint was due the recovery of the key. As if realizing the foolishness of their discussion, they began to say to each other, "Don't let the Protestant lady hear us."

An instance of Colombian politeness was shown the day I came away. All of the numerous family came to say good-by, which had to be said three or four times over to every one. Each and all shed tears as if I were a near relative going to a far country; but they knew I recognized it as a compliment, and not as a mark of affection.

In January, during our long vacation, we spent two weeks in Cipaquirá, a flourishing town of 10,000 people, the principal seat of the government salt works. One Sunday, as there was no Protestant service and we were weary of staying in our room, we went for a walk to the mines. One of the workmen asked if we wished to enter the mine. We said no, because it was Sunday. He replied that our decision was a wise one because many pieces of rock fall from the roof on Sundays, but that on week days when at work they were saved from such dangers by the favoring care of the Virgin, whose picture was kept in a prominent place in the mine, with candles always burning before it. "But," I said, "do you think it is the Virgin who protects you?" "Why, yes, of

course," he answered. "It is God, not the Virgin, who protects you," I said. At this he looked rather frightened, as if understanding that he was talking to one of those dreadful heretics, of whom the priest had warned him.

On our way down the hill a little girl followed us, gazing intently into my face. I asked her where she went to school. She said she attended the public school. "And what do they teach you there?" "Oh, religion," she answered. "And what do they teach you in religion?" "Pretty things about the Virgin." After many inquiries of this kind, I find that all other instruction is subordinate to the religious teaching.

One afternoon, as a relief from writing school reports, I stepped out into the hotel corridor for a little exercise and was greeted there by one of the guests, a Senator and ex-Minister to Ecuador, a staunch conservative and Roman Catholic. He had traveled in England and the United States and speaks English well. Almost before I knew it we had plunged into a conversation on religious subjects. He seemed to possess more evangelical ideas than any other Roman Catholic I have met. He quoted considerably from Scripture, said that he prayed daily to Christ and hoped to be saved through Christ's sacrifice. But this faith was mixed with adoration of the Virgin and with an unquestioning submission to the authority of the church. This conversation gave me an insight into the way in which intelligent and educated Catholics defend their views.

These incidents show how constant are our opportunities to make known our beliefs and explain the way of salvation through Christ alone.

Nellie N. Graham.

FROM A TRAVELER'S DIARY.

SOFTLY-STEPPING CAMELS.
[From photograph taken by Mr. Speer.]

SUNJUD, PERSIA, Oct. 28, 1896.

Last night was quite an experience! We went to bed at seven and at eleven Toomas, the efficient, thought it was morning and time for us to get up. Mr. Coan sent him away, but he was up most of the night—faithful soul!—and took the horses out to water at twelve. A little after that a stray cat knocked down a churn from the wall, in its efforts to get out after making an attack on our larder, and two or three times the village dogs made a great racket.

I was just getting into a sound, comfortable sleep, when Mr. Coan called from his side of the curtain that it was three o'clock and time to get up, and though no light came through the hole in the roof over my bed, I tumbled out and shivered while I dressed.

It is four now and the loads are packed and we have breakfasted.

Miss Lincoln and I consider ourselves very lucky not to have had our traveling beds smashed yesterday. The *chavadar* horse that was carrying them

got frightened at something and started to run. He speedily fell into a deep ditch and lay there on his back waving his legs in the air until he was free from his load, and then got up and ran again, dragging after him the leather *hoorjuns* in which our bags were. Happily for my medicines he did not run far, and no damage was done to our things except that they were very dusty.

TIKKAN TAPPEH, Oct. 28. —Here we are established for the night, after eight hours' riding and three-quarters of an hour stop for luncheon, near a little stream. I do not feel in the least tired and have enjoyed the day thoroughly. It seemed to me the most interesting since we left Tabriz. It was just five when we started from Sunjud, in the clear frosty moonlight, and began to climb the side of the mountain. It was a strange sensation to ride along in the dim, silvery light, passing first a mule caravan going our own way, then a horse carrying three coffins to Kerbela, then two veiled women, also bound for Kerbela, sitting in *kajavahs* slung one on either side of a mule. Our passing so discomfited the big bell-bedecked *peshang*, or leader, of the first caravan that he left his own line and tried to keep ahead of us, leading our party.

A little further on we saw two men occupied with their morning devotions. They had turned aside from the road and at a little distance were bowing and prostrating themselves in the direction of Mecca. I wonder if most Christians would not have thought it was too cold to stop for prayers?

It *was* cold, bitter cold. All the little streams were covered with ice and one *chavadar*, bound for Sunjud, when Mr. Coan asked him where he had come from, made answer that it was so cold he had forgotten. But cold and early as it was, the road was full of travelers, some going our way and some the other, and all muffled in all they could gather of wraps and cloaks.

There were camels, stepping so softly that they looked like shadows in the dim light, peasants on foot with long staves, little trotting teams of donkeys, mule caravans carrying carpets, and groups of pilgrims going and returning.

Up and up and up we went, the air seeming to grow colder all the while, until at last the light grew brighter in the east, the sky-line all around began to take faint colors, and finally the tips of the highest peaks seemed to be on fire and the first sun rays shone down on us from the top of the long slope we were climbing.

IN KAJAVAHS, BOUND FOR KERBELA.
[Photographed by Mr. Speer.]

For three hours we kept on ascending, passing caravans continually, many of them suggestive of circus processions, and at eight o'clock we reached the summit and began to go down. At ten we stopped for luncheon and at half-past two reached our *manzil*, Tikkan Tappeh. Our quarters are palatial compared to those we had last night at Sunjud, being free from cobwebs and actually boasting a window a foot square—of course without glass.

Mr. Speer and Mr. Coan are less fortunate, however, than Miss Lincoln and I. Their room is a thoroughfare for the resident family, and men, women, children, chickens and sheep wander through at all hours. Two of the children have whooping cough, and I was electrified just now by seeing one of them pick up our one, precious, remaining water bottle that we are so careful of and take a drink from the mouth of it!

It remains to be seen whether we get whooping cough. (N. B.—We did not.)

Our beds are set up now, evening prayers are over and we are ready for the night. I can hear Mr. Coan talking to the family in the outer room while I write. I wish I could do the same!

Emma Bailey Speer.

THREE little Fang girls, outcasts from their homes on account of a dreadful disease, are sheltered and nursed and taught at Benito, Africa, and our friends are staking many hopes upon them, for they are the first girls of their tribe ever caught at Benito.

"A LIFE FOR AFRICA."*

This is the story of a noble life given for the redemption of the Dark Continent. The life is that of the late Rev. A. C. Good, Ph. D., of our Gaboon and Corisco Mission, West Africa, and the author is Ellen C. Parsons, M.A., editor of WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN. The book belongs to that high class of modern biographies which makes the life of the individual only the centre around which important movements cluster. In a clear and forceful style, and with admirable discrimination, it sets forth the salient points of the life, while making much of the environment. It portrays with graphic pen not only the lights and shadows of ordinary missionary life, but the more marked experiences which belong to pioneer work in Africa. Such chapters as "On to the Interior," "Pioneering in Bulu-Land" and "Roughing it in the Bush" are fascinating in the extreme, detailing, as they do, some of the memorable experiences through which Dr. Good passed in opening the interior to the gospel. These chapters abound with incident, illustrating the perils and privations of explorations made through forest and swamp; the manners and customs and deep spiritual needs of the people; the difficulty of grappling with an unknown tongue and reducing it to writing; but all leading up to the grand end of selecting strategic points for mission work. The chapter on "Byways of an Industrious Life" will be found especially interesting and instructive to boys. It treats of such topics as "Earth Worms and Driver Ants," a visit to a celebrated cave which was full of bats, an experience with Dwarfs whom Dr. Good found as he pushed into the interior, a "Bulu Fable," with some attractive "Gaboon Stories." The book contains much valuable information on the geography, ethnology, anthropology and philology of West Africa, while in an Appendix Chancellor Holland, of the Western University of Pennsylvania, himself a scientist of no ordinary attainments, shows the indebtedness of science to the indefatigable labors of Dr. Good. A second Appendix presents an able paper from the pen of Dr. Good on the religious ideas of the Africans.

The book is beautifully illustrated, and its maps are up to date and well executed. It is worthy of a place in the library of every Christian home, and is especially adapted to Sabbath-schools and Young People's Societies. It gives me great pleasure to commend it in unqualified terms. The book is published (price, $1.25) by the Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago.

John Gillespie.

* This article came to hand after the "Home Department" was made up and is therefore inserted here.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN SYRIA,

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

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SYRIA.

A HAPPY FIRST YEAR.

MISS BERNICE HUNTING, of the Tripoli school, wrote August 28 from HADETH, Mt. Lebanon:

It is nearly a year now since I left home. I am just closing my tenth month in Syria. What shall I tell you about it all? In the first place I am well and happy and have been all the time, unless I except a few minutes occasionally when I miss somebody or something on the other side of the world. "The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places." . . . I have been more lonesome in our six weeks up here than at any other time. I had not realized before what a large part of my happiness had been dependent on the girls and teachers. I have enjoyed and loved them all very much.

As you know, my chief business is learning the language. I have, by the kindness of my colleagues, been left quite free from other duties to attend strictly to this. I have worked at the rate of four to six hours a day on it, as a rule. Aside from this, I have taught a Sunday-school class in English, which our older girls understand quite well, and had a weekly circle of eight or ten for an informal prayer-meeting. Then I led our weekly teachers' meeting, alternating with Miss LaGrange. I have given fifteen minutes a day to gymnastics and, since Christmas, half an hour a day to music, for all the girls together. I have tried to relieve Miss LaGrange in some little matters, such as looking after the room-work of the girls, making out monthly reports, and assisting the Mission Band on programmes. It is only in little ways I can help yet.

Most of our girls are adherents of the Greek church. They all call themselves Christians, and it is very difficult to lead them to see a difference between vital and nominal Christianity. Only the Holy Spirit can do it, and we are continually praying for a baptism of power and of wisdom. Some of the girls showed hopeful signs of a desire for a better life. It is hard for a girl to take any stand against the religion of her family. Many are convinced intellectually of the falsity and impurity of their own church, and would be glad to call themselves evangelical Christians, but they are afraid. There is prospect of a full school in the fall and we hope a better spirit will prevail from the first. School opens again October 13.

BEAUTIFUL MT. LEBANON.

This is a delightful place in summer. We are five thousand feet above the level of the sea, which we look down upon when it is clear and plainly distinguish the point of land where we know is Tripoli and the Meena. The beautiful, bare, brown and red and grey mountains surround us, and they grow more charming every day to me. I have collected over forty different shades of sand from the rocks. It is most interesting. They are reds, purples, pinks, browns and greys, cream tints and pure white. There are many interesting fossils, too, and such a lot of strange dry flowers and thistles and grasses. Our long afternoon walks after working hours are very delightful.

THE MOST AWFUL THING.

We are not idle by any means. We breakfast at 7:30 and then settle down, after prayers, to four hours' hard study till dinner time. I study two hours again in the afternoon. I have a teacher who gives me three hours a day. It is all grammar in the morning; in the afternoon conversation, reading and writing. Miss LaGrange is delving into educational work and laying out programmes for the teachers to follow next year. . . . Only prayer can bring the blessing we crave. We don't want simply to teach the girls; we want to win their souls. Next time, if you'll remind me, I'll tell you something about individual girls and try to think up something funny, too. There are plenty of funny things, but there are so many

more that are not funny. I hardly dare think how dreadful some of the things are. But the most awful thing is the absolute lack of anything like spiritual life among the hundreds who bear that worthy Name, and daily disgrace it. Do pray for us much, that our lives may be electric buttons to thrill and move these dead lives about us.

BIBLE TRUTH AND A FRESH MIND.

MISS BARBER of Beirût Seminary wrote from the SUQ EL GHURB mountain retreat, September 20:

Our "Special Object" work this summer has been care of one of our Anglo-Mohammedan pupils who has remained with us. Except for bits of information gathered during the last year, she knows nothing of the Bible. She asks a great many questions, has a good memory, and one thing leads to another, even when we are sewing or working together, so that often a lengthy conversation will arise wholly unpremeditated. We take care not to let her feel how ignorant she is of sacred things, and trust the Spirit's power to lead her into all truth. She is nearly ten years old and everything comes to her with great freshness and seems to leave a deep impression. She came the other morning with her text for the day: "If ye love me keep my commandments." "What does 'commandments' mean, Miss Barber?" On questioning her, I found she did not know anything of the ten commands written on the tables of stone.

"Jesus, my Saviour, to Bethlehem came,
Born in a manger, to sorrow and shame,"

she sang, then queried: "What does that last line mean?" and so the sweet, old story was simply told to a little child.

"I like the story of Jesus talking to the men when He was a little boy. Is that in the Bible, too? I do not know where to find the places." Yesterday, as we were returning from the service at Dr. Jessup's, where one of the college professors gave us a talk upon David and the giants we have to fight, she remarked: "I never heard that story before." "But you have heard of David before?" "Yes, but I supposed that he was always a big man."

Our hearts are sad when we think what her future will probably be—within the walls of some harem—for her father has already had several offers of marriage for her. We trust that God, in His great love, is preparing her for that future, wherever and whatever it may be.——"What do I want of Arabic? I only want to go back to England." She is reminded that God may want her to tell about Him to some one who could not understand her if she spoke in English, and some of the most precious heart-truths have been taught her in her father's language—pearls of great price which may prove of inestimable value to her in years to come.

Our summer is ended and we are expecting to go down to Beirût next Saturday.

LAOS.

MISS ALLIE MCGILVARY wrote from CHIENG MAI, August 11:

As a station I think we Chieng Mai people are not good correspondents. We were very sorry when the May magazines came with so little word from the field. [N. B. So was editor of WOMAN'S WORK.]

The enforced cut on our appropriations came as a blow. School appropriation is cut down one-half. It has been decided that now is a good time to begin self-support in the schools. We are going to insist on all who are able paying both board and tuition, and those very poor are to pay as they are able. We think it will make the numbers small for the present, but in the end be of real benefit. The people will appreciate education more when they have to pay for it. It is going to be discouraging to have small schools after the fair numbers we have had, but we must try to do our best and keep up brave hearts. Our work here will not be on firm foundations until it is self-supporting. The first steps toward it are hard.

The last term Mrs. Campbell helped me and we had one hundred and two enrolled, eighty-one of them being boarders. You may imagine that even with my mother's help the oversight of all those girls, and the responsibility, were not light. It was my first experience in having charge, and I much prefer having some one else responsible.

I have made a few visits with others to out-villages, and enjoyed them very much. The longest was one that father, Mr. Harris and I made to Bethel church, leaving here Thursday morning and returning Monday evening, spending Thursday night in Lampoon to break the hot twenty-six miles' ride.

GODLINESS PROFITABLE FOR THE LIFE THAT NOW IS.

We stopped at the house of one of the elders, one of the few wealthy men (as native ideas of wealth go) among the Christians. He owes it all to his Christianity, too, as the family was accused of witchcraft and his possessions were to be forfeited. He only escaped by nominally making over his place, fields, etc., to the missionaries. Since then he has lived in peace,

and he becomes a richer man each year. This year they plant twenty buckets of seed rice, which will bring in from twelve to eighteen hundred buckets at harvest. They are a very hospitable family and made us thoroughly welcome. Two granddaughters who live with him are among my brightest, dearest girls.

GOOD RECORD OF SCHOOL-GIRLS.

We found it not a very good time for general house-to-house visiting, as nearly every one was out in the fields during the day. On Sunday, communion was celebrated. In Sunday-school I was asked to teach my school-girls, and when they gathered there were ten of them. It was so nice to see them and to hear from all sides that they are willing helpers in church work. It has done my heart good to hear this, for we want not to teach them book learning only, but to become good, earnest workers in their own villages.

As usual, we had to sing, sing, sing. I always wish my throat could have a cast-iron coating, so it would not tire. Sunday night, a crowd of young people gathered just after supper and we sang until we were tired, but on asking them if they were not, some answered, "We want to sing all night, as you leave early to-morrow morning." Just now there seems to be quite a wave of interest and many are inquiring the way of salvation. We are praying that there may be many converted and brought into the fold.

BRAZIL.

MRS. J. B. KOLB wrote from BAHIA, Sept. 23:

To our dear friends, readers of WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN:

What of the night in a little corner of the "neglected continent?" The morning cometh.

When in the United States several years ago, some dear friends asked me to write to them in reference to the work of the Lord in the city of Bahia. Now, since it is impossible for me to write to each one, I will take this means of reaching them.

Instead of returning to Sergipe, where we had lived some six years, it pleased the Holy Spirit to have us locate in this second great city of Brazil. Much has happened during these last four years. We, I mean husband and I, are not very strong physically, but we have, by the help of the Lord, held on to the work and in our feeble way have sought to do His will.

This is a real "stony ground" field. A succession of earnest, devoted laborers have spent many wearisome days and nights in consecrated labor here; much of prayer and sacrifice; but to the eye of the casual observer there is very little to show. Happily the Lord seeth not as man seeth. He is reserving to Himself many a choice pearl. However, to those who come in daily contact with the people, there are not wanting signs of the Spirit's work and power. Almost every day one is constrained to confess a lack of faith in the promises of the Lord by seeing and hearing of some one who is interested in a personal salvation. The leaven is at work. The mass will be leavened directly. We are much encouraged in the work of these last four years. When we first came, the attendances were not large and we seldom had any children present. Now, morning service is well attended and nearly always between thirty and forty children remain for Sabbath-school. This is divided into five classes: Mr. Kolb taking the men, I taking the women; Miss Bankston, the older boys and girls, and Miss Justice the wee chicks. A new class has just been formed by young men taught by Sr. Domingos. Often of a Wednesday night we have forty and fifty persons present.

There is now in operation a successful mission school. It began three years ago with thirteen children; now the number is up to sixty-five, with good prospects for the future. Both of our teachers are disciples of the lowly Jesus and wish to work for him. We notice a seriousness in the children which is not common. My duties with the school consist in giving the primary grade one-half hour each day, some easy vocal and calisthenic exercises, always mingling something of simple gospel truth.

A PUBLIC-SPIRITED BRAZILIAN.

Mr. Kolb has also under his supervision a school of one hundred children lately opened at a large cotton factory, by its director. The methods employed in our own school are followed. We teach gospel hymns, child's catechism, etc. No expense is being spared to make it a model school. The gentleman, a Brazilian, who has opened it for the children of operatives, has been very much criticised, favorably and unfavorably. He seems like a man of iron will who will carry his plan into execution. All the supplies for this school were obtained from New York. Besides, materials for a kindergarten for fifty children have also been ordered, together with a teacher. *This is all an outgrowth of the gospel work in this city.*

The director of the cotton factory heard of our school work and came to us, making us the offer to take charge of it and manage it for him. May the Lord's blessing accompany this and all the work done for Christ in this city.

Lately I have had several delightful experiences in visiting among the people. It is impossible for me to do more than occasional visiting, owing to the flock of little ones which the good Shepherd has given me to keep for him. There is a wide field for "woman's work for woman" in this great city. Our husbands and sons cannot go where we can. In this work the recompenses are many: the principal one is in being a co-worker with Christ for the salvation of men; another is the affection of those whom the Holy Spirit will bless through our efforts. May the Lord Jesus bless all readers of WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN and make of them vessels meet for the Master's service.

CHINA.

MISS ELFRIDA LINDHOLM wrote from SOUTH GATE, SHANGHAI, Sept. 2:

I look forward very much to teaching in the girls' school the coming year and doing evangelistic work, at least one or two afternoons a week. I must tell you about our girls, what bright and nice little Christians they are. They are very stubborn sometimes though. I must tell that, too. The day for the graduating exercises was a very great day to them, but it began, to their dismay, with rain. The smallest girls, between the ages of six and ten, who are taken charge of by older girls, felt very sorry for their foster mothers and came together to pray for sunshine. They were very triumphant when it cleared up and we got fine weather. The girls did beautifully. Their playing, singing, and reading of essays, was very much appreciated by the audience, which was almost altogether Chinese parents, relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Speer's visit was very enjoyable and profitable to us. Our number at the South Gate is reduced to five. The Lord is leading us on, "conquering and to conquer." How could it be else, since he has begotten us to a "lively hope" and always "causeth us to triumph." . . . I have some news to tell you—that I am riding a bicycle and that hereafter we can almost dispense with jinrikishas, and, what is better, wheelbarrows. Not much more of rising up from them with a dazed air and feeling at the back of one's head, wondering whether there is still connection. . .

A PURELY WOMAN'S WORK CENTRE.

MISS ETTA MONTGOMERY wrote from KIUNGCHOW, HAINAN, Aug. 5:

Since writing you last, seven joyful, busy months have sped by, filled to overflowing with multitudinous and varied duties. Did I say varied? Let me give you one day's programme:

Following up the cook to see that he boils the drinking water; looking after the school, which is still in its infancy; finding some sort of needlework for the really needy, for an hour or two a day, while we tell them of something better and higher in life than the mere thought of eating and being clothed (not an easy task, for their contracted and blunted perceptions can conceive of nothing of more vital importance than that which allays the pangs of hunger, and I deeply sympathize with them in their extreme poverty); lending a sympathetic ear to the unfortunate who come to pour out their tale of woe; grinding away at those hieroglyphics in Genesis; entertaining callers, never allowing one to go away without learning about Jesus' love; giving instruction to those specially interested in the Gospel—there are several such—and calling in the homes of those who will receive us, when the sun permits.

In January, 1896, the station was removed to Hoihow, the seaport, where we have been able to secure property, and a hospital and one residence were erected last year. For several months Miss Schaeffer (my fellow worker) and I made strenuous efforts to secure a house in the east end of Hoihow, over a mile away from the rest of the families. We had a girls' school there for over a year and services for women and children had been held every Sunday. But failing to get the house, we were compelled to move back to Kiungchow and open work for women exclusively. So here we are, and I wish I could give you an idea of how happy we are, and make your hearts glad by seeing the large gatherings of women here on Sundays.

STARTING ON SELF-SUPPORT BASIS.

Our Chinese family has grown to twelve people, all reading both character and Romanized type. Besides, four come in from the neighborhood to read and several women come in for instruction in the gospel. I fancy I can see a smile spreading over your faces when you read of the smallness of these numbers, as compared with some large and flourishing boarding-schools; but, when you think of the difficulties attending the building up of a school for Chinese girls, on Hainan, and prejudices against the education of women to be overcome, and take into consideration the fact that we are trying to begin on the basis of self-support, you may be encouraged by even this small beginning. Were we to give the paltry sum of thirty cash a day, equal to half a cent

of our money, to little girls who would come and read, our compound would not hold the numbers.

JOYFUL SERVICE FOR CHRIST.

[An instance follows of "first fruits of our labors here in the city," which is reserved for future mention.—ED.]

Miss Schaeffer and I are thankful every day that we are up here in the city. There are splendid opportunities for work, every one is friendly, and we have every reason to hope that our establishment is going to be a centre from which untold blessings shall pour out upon many. At our next communion, in October, we believe there will be some ready who are receiving daily instruction. The ice is broken —some have dared to take the step, and now others will not be so reluctant to confess Christ. We know there are believers whom fear of ridicule, persecution, or disapproval of relatives hold back. It is a privilege that angels might desire to share, to bring Christ to a lost world.

AFRICA.

DR. COX, speaking also for his wife, wrote from BATANGA, August 28, after returning from a health trip to Gaboon:

The steamer arrived in the great estuary called Gaboon River at 6 A.M., July 1. The sight was beautiful. The river is fourteen miles wide just opposite Libreville. It is French territory, and you see to the left the Plateau which is the centre of gravity; here are the handsome brick government buildings, post office, telegraph office, Catholic church, and French, Spanish, German and English "factories," and to the rear the beautiful botanical gardens. Then, a little further to the right, native houses and factories and, about two miles from the Plateau, is Baraka (one-third of a mile back from the river bank). We were passed into a surf boat and towed by a steam launch to shore, where Dr. Nassau met us and took us to the home on the hill, where Mrs. Ogden ("mother," as we called her) made us comfortable.

THE DOCTOR IS FOUND OUT.

The first week we rested, taking walks now and then about the hill with its lovely palms and flowers and down to the towns on the beach. But soon the people heard that another missionary doctor was here, so I was called to this one and that one, and finally as I would go to one house I would find others there waiting to see me, consequently, I was soon as busy as ever.

Mr. Dunning came down from Angom, seventy-five miles up the river, and we went out with him in his boat nearly every day on the river, calling at some of the native towns and carrying with us a few medicines. In some places we found old meadows or gardens, the reason for which we could not understand. On inquiry, some told us that many years ago there were forests of redwood, and natives cut them down and sold them to the white man and then made gardens, and the reason for there being no one living there now is that the people died of heart disease, so one said, who seemed to be a wise man and a man of authority.

UP AT ANGOM STATION.

When Mr. Dunning returned to Angom, we went with him in the open boat and were out one night. It took about twenty hours altogether, and was a novelty indeed. We anchored about midnight, close to the bank, and when we woke at 5 A.M. the tide had lowered and we were almost aground in deep, soft mud. The roots of mango trees were exposed to view, and parrots screaming and squawking in the trees over our heads added beauty to the scene. As the tide turned we pulled up our pole from the mud (the anchor) and started again for Angom. We passed a small crocodile, the first wild animal, except a small brush deer, that I have seen since being in Africa.

We spent a week with Mr. Dunning at Angom and like the place very much. Sixteen towns can be reached in one day in sixteen miles. There is an average of one hundred people in each town. One thing which is needed at Angom is a launch, run either by steam or kerosene or naphtha. It would save being out on the river at night and being exposed to winds and storms, for they could run down in a very short time. Coming back, we ran on the mud bank and when the tide went out we were on dry land (mud) in darkest Africa, in a black, dark night. The only light we had was the phosphorus on the water; there is more of it in fresh water than you usually see in the ocean. When the tide turned we made many attempts before we were successful in getting our little boat into the deep again.

At Angom we attended one native dance; the dress was feathers and paint. The women dance alone and the men do the same. This was the celebration of a marriage. The bride was three or four years old and the bridegroom may have been a hundred. A wife is only so much property here.

We enjoyed the little health trip to Gaboon very much and came back feeling stronger and better for the loved work.

HOME DEPARTMENT

THE MISSIONARY PRAYER-MEETING FOR JANUARY, 1898.

General Subject—The Bible and Foreign Missions.

(a) Bible authority for Foreign Missions.
(b) Bible motives for Foreign Missions.
(c) Bible beginnings for Foreign Missions.
(d) Bible encouragements to Foreign Missions.
(e) The Acts of the Apostles continued in Foreign Missions.

Prayer—that all flesh may see the salvation of God; that the new year may be one of conquest in unevangelized lands.

FOR HELPS—See (WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN, Jan. 1897) "The Place of Foreign Missions in the Word of God," "The Penalty of Disobedience"; (c) see *The Holy Spirit in Missions* (A. J. Gordon), *Miracles in Missions* (A. T. Pierson), Biography of Dr. J. L. Nevius, of Neesima, and others.

Young People and Missions.

Choice in Organizing.

There are various forms of organization in which the training of young people in missions can be accomplished. There are the Young People's Societies and Christian Endeavor Societies that conduct a regular monthly missionary meeting. For young women who find it desirable to organize by themselves there are Young Women's Circles, and Women's Societies which include the younger women and give them a full share in the work. For the young men there are Young Men's Mission Clubs and Men's Leagues with missionary features. Each of these has been tried and proved successful.

If the young people of your church are not at work for missions, will YOU not endeavor to enlist them in the service in whichever of these forms of organization seems best suited to them? Pastors and their wives together with the older missionary workers, as well as the young people themselves, have a duty and responsibility in this matter. The New Year is at hand. There could not be a better time for a new beginning.

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Name.

Give the organization a good, honest name that no one can ridicule. Let us have *Young People's Mission Circles; Fidelia Fiske Circles; William Carey Clubs; Mission Study Clubs; Monday Missionary Clubs; Westminster Missionary Leagues*, etc.

Hour.

If a young Woman's Circle is organized the time for holding it is an important consideration, since so many are employed as teachers, clerks, etc. One very wise and efficient leader who has had an unusually successful experience in such work advocates Sabbath afternoon, with its freedom from all secular employment.

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Themes for the Meeting.

Many of us are in ruts, deep and narrow, in the matter of missionary programmes and we need to get out of them. Our Board has made this easy by issuing such a fine new set of monthly topics. A year's study of these will give a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the whole problem of missions as well as adding much to one's store of general intelligence.

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Conversations.

These topics with their admirable lists of sub-topics are especially adapted for use as conversations. Give the topics to some competent leader, allowing him to select his assistants, assigning to each, one or more sub-topics for a short talk. The leader himself must be ready to open the conversation, and add a word here and there, weaving all into a harmonious whole. It adds much to the interest if, just before the close of the conversation, the discussion is allowed to become general.

Book Reviews.

Short, bright reviews of some of the fine missionary books that have been given to the world in the last few years, will be listened to with great interest, as will also book notices of the latest publications, when the time is too short for a review.

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Historical Study.

Then there are studies in missionary history. These may be divided into four periods as follows:

1. Missions in the Early Church, from Pentecost to the conversion of Constantine, A. D. 325.

2. Mediæval Missions, from Constantine to the Reformation, A. D. 1517, with stories of how Europe was evangelized.

3. Early Protestant Missions, from the Reformation to Carey, 1792, with accounts of Moravian Missions and of the pioneers to India, Greenland and our own North American Indians.

4. The "Missionary Century," from Carey to the present day, with its records of almost miraculous events.

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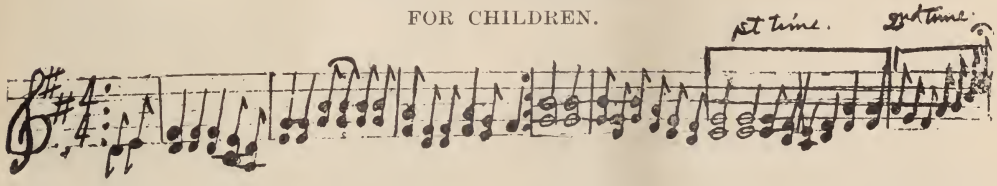
Other Programme Features.

Of course all programmes will begin with devotional exercises. Time should be left, too, for special music, appropriate recitations, bright leaflets, letters from the field, personal addresses from missionaries. The "country for the month" should not be entirely omitted—we MUST KEEP IN TOUCH with the dear missionaries of our own Board, and the special needs of the fields in which we are "laborers together with them."

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio. *Belle M. Brain.*

SHEPHERD SONG,

FOR CHILDREN.



I.

Have you heard the message the Shepherd has sent?
(Oh, how many, and the night how cold)—
For the dear lost lambs his heart is rent—
(Oh, so many and so far from the fold.)

CHO: Joy! Joy! Here is a trace of one.
Joy! Joy! Here is the way to one.
Joy! Joy! Help him to bring it home—
Helpless and hungry and cold.

II.

Oh, the lambs in the fold are many and dear,
(But one is afraid, far away.)
There is warmth and cheer in the safe, sweet home,
(But 'tis chill where that lamb is astray.)

CHO. Joy! Joy! Tell the glad news to all.
Joy! Joy! Hear the glad tidings fall.
Joy! Joy! Oh, hear it great and small—
One more is safe in the fold!

III.

"Oh, Shepherd, the thorns are cruel and sharp,"
But you'll come for the love of me!
"Oh, Shepherd! I wait for I fear the dark"—
(I will walk just ahead of thee!)

CHO: Joy! Joy! Jesus has found one more,
Joy! Joy! Jesus has gone before,
Joy! Joy! Jesus, the Shepherd, bore
Safely the weary one home! —(*Mrs. H. O.*) *N. P. Gilson.*

OVERHEARD NEAR CHRISTMAS TIME.

"Did Marion tell me you wanted no presents this Christmas, only money?"

"Yes, she must have. I told them all at home I was going to spend not a penny for Christmas presents this year, but give them things already in my possession. The debt on our Foreign Mission Board just weighs on me, and I said they must spend no money on me, but put it all together in an envelope and it should go to the Board."

"But do you not want some for yourself?"

"Not a penny. We have such a su-

perfluity, and our missionaries have given at the rate of $25 apiece* to pay off this debt. I am ashamed of us here at home. This is work for Christ."

V. F. P.

* For those who contributed.

"CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AND SOCIAL PROGRESS."*

A new book bearing this title was referred to in our pages last month. We have not space to say half what this noble work deserves, in respect to its contents, to its numerous fine pictures, the scope of its foot-notes and bibliography. But to give readers a hint of the character of the book, we subjoin an extract from the table of contents.

Volume I. contains four "Lectures," the second of which is entitled: The Social Evils of the Non-Christian World. These "Evils" are treated of at length in "groups," of which the seventh is called "The Religious Group," therefore the following analysis covers but one section of one lecture, or pages 296–337:

VII.—THE RELIGIOUS GROUP.

(Evils which deprive society of the moral benefits of a pure religious faith and practice.)

The universality of religion.—The fact of a general religious defection.—The genesis of ethnic faiths.—The social value of true religion.

1. DEGRADING CONCEPTIONS OF THE NATURE AND REQUIREMENTS OF RELIGION. The true tests of social value in a religion.—Some effects of ancestor-worship on Chinese society.—Other illustrations from China.—The social influence of Hinduism.—Islam and its relation to social morality.—The difficulties of social reconstruction in an environment of religious degeneracy.
2. IDOLATRY. The social degradation of idolatry.—Is there a tenable apology for idolatry?—The spirit of contemporary idolatry.—The abiding moral blight of idol-worship.
3. SUPERSTITION. The prevalence and power of superstition.—Geomancy and demonology among the Chinese.—Japanese occultism.—Korea the haunt of spectres.—India and the reign of the *mantra*.—The "Arabian Nights" up to date.—Demon-ridden islands.—Superstition a social calamity.
4. RELIGIOUS TYRANNY AND PERSECUTION. The genesis of persecution.—Christianity rightly interpreted not persecuting in its spirit.—Religious absolutism the prevailing temper of the Orient.—The sceptre of caste in India.—The perils of Chinese Christians.—The passing of persecution in Japan.—The martyrdoms of Uganda and Madagascar.—Outbursts of intolerance in South America and Mexico.
5. SCANDALOUS LIVES OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS. The import of the theme.—Morals of the priesthood in Japan.—The Japanese Government gives an official warning.—Character of religious leaders in China.—The moral standing of the Hindu priesthood.—The priest, the *guru*, the *mohunt*, and the fakir.—The secrets of Buddhist monasteries in Ceylon.—The *imam*, the *mufti*, the *kadi*, the *mullah*, and the dervish.—Religious guides in South America, Central America, and Mexico.

* By Rev. Jas. S. Dennis, D.D. Pub. by Revell Company.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

A Concise History of Missions. E. M. Bliss, D.D. (Fleming H. Revell Company.) 306 pp., cloth. 75 cents.

This is a small, handy volume, suited to the many people who cannot keep an encyclopedia at their elbow. It is the work of an expert. Beginning with the apostles, an outline of medieval and Roman Catholic missions before the Reformation is followed by missions of different Protestant bodies. Then the point of view is changed and the progress of missions is briefly sketched from land to land. Finally, methods are discussed.

In Lands Afar. A Second Series of Mission Stories of Many Lands. (American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Congregational House, Boston.) 400 pp. Price, by mail or express prepaid, $1.50.

This is a young people's book. It is a heavy octavo, the sort a boy likes to spread on the floor and lie down on his stomach to read. It is profusely illustrated; some of the pictures are very good, some are delightfully wild. The stories range over events in Africa, Turkey, India, Ceylon, China, Japan and the Pacific Islands. The book is a claimant for place on Sunday-school library shelves.

The Holy Land in Geography and in History. By Townsend Mac Coun, A.M., member of the American Historical Association and the American Geographical Society, author of "Historical Geography of the United States," etc. (Townsend Mac Coun.) Two vols., ill. with 154 page maps. Cloth, $2.00.

We have never seen before a work equal to this brought within reach of the ordinary Bible student. Thoroughness and scholarship are stamped on every page. The maps are vivid and beautiful. In Vol. I. we have physical, geological and general maps, and in Vol. II. maps illustrating the history of Palestine from epoch to epoch. We could say a great deal more in praise of this modest and valuable work than our space permits, but will only add that any Sunday-school teacher would find it a practical and important help.

Pressed Flowers from the Holy Land. Order from Rev. Harvey B. Greene, Lowell, Mass. 50 cents.

Not pictures, but twelve pressed specimens of flowers, with a page of text about each, are gathered into a booklet. Would make a pretty Sunday-school prize.

SINCE LAST MONTH.

DEPARTURES.

October 23.—From New York, Rev. S. A. Moffett, returning to Pyeng Yang, Korea.
October 30.—From New York, Miss McDermid, to join the Mexico Mission at Mexico City.
October 30.—From San Francisco, Dr. Mary Ayer, for Soochow, China.
Dr. Frances Fenton Cattell, to Soochow, China.
Dr. Mary Alice Fish, to Korea.
November 2.—From New York, Rev. O. J. Hardin and family, returning to Syria.
November 4.—From New York, Miss Ella Kuhl, returning to Curityba, Brazil.
November 18.—From San Francisco, Woodbridge O. Johnson, M.D., and Mrs. Johnson, to join the Korea Mission at Tagoo.

RESIGNATIONS.

Miss Harriet A. Savage, India. Appointed 1888.
Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Montgomery. Appointed 1895.

DEATHS.

September 3.—At Nodoa, Hainan, Esther, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melrose.
September 16.—At Nodoa, Hainan, Rev. John C. Melrose, after one month's illness. He leaves a wife and two little boys.
September 12.—At Peking, China, a son of seven years, youngest child of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Whiting.

To the Auxiliaries.

[For address of each headquarters and list of officers see third page of cover.]

From Philadelphia.

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building.

Directors' meeting first Tuesday, and prayer-meeting third Tuesday of the month, at eleven o'clock A.M., in the small auditorium. Visitors welcome.

OUR Board of Directors, having learned at a recent meeting of the request of the Board of Foreign Missions that the Women's Societies and Boards might co-operate with them in cancelling the debt resting upon the Board, resolved to assist in the effort and use its influence to raise money for this purpose.

Great caution, however, must be observed that the Board is not hampered instead of helped in this effort. First of all, in order that the regular income may be maintained, all pledges should be fully met and annual subscriptions promptly paid, and then follow with a self-denying spirit and earnest prayer, by a *special gift for the debt.*

Elizabeth J. Seeley entered into rest September 19, 1897. She was for ten years a faithful, consecrated missionary of this Society. Failing health brought her from her chosen work in India, which was also the land of her birth. After serving two years as a teacher in Woodstock she was called to engage in work in Fatehgarh, in which city she had at one time one hundred and seventy-five zenanas under her care. She was called "up higher" after long months of suffering, and who can tell of what she may now see of the fruit of her labors.

Miss Ella Kuhl of Curytiba, Brazil, has met with us several times, and is now returning to her field. She was looking very well after her year of furlough, and is happy in the thought of being so soon at work, and "to grapple with the problems" that she knew would be "difficult to solve."

Dr. Orbison of Lahore, India, and *Rev.* and *Mrs. H. E. Schnatz*, Batanga, Africa, were welcome guests and entertaining and instructive speakers at our October prayer-meeting.

Mrs. Wm. Nelson of Syria will cheerfully address any meetings where she may be desired if not too distant from her present home, 823 Locust Ave., West Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.

How One Woman Helped, price 3 cts., 30 cts. per dozen, is a new and an interesting story leaflet.

OUR newly revised *Historical Sketches of the Missions* under care of the Board should always be kept convenient to all missionary leaders in particular. Cloth bound vol., 75 cts.; single sketches, 10 cts.; 60 cts. per set.

FOR the December topic, *The Home Church and Foreign Missions*, there are so many of our leaflets bearing upon the subject that it is difficult to make a selection for reference. But if any will send for our printed list of "Helps" we will be glad to supply their needs. For Syria, *Dr. C. V. A. Van Dyck* (A Hero), *Salaam*, *Selma*, each 2 cts.; *Flash Lights on Syria*, 3 cts.; *Historical Sketch on Syria*, 10 cts.; also very interesting letters from Syria, for which please enclose postage.

From Chicago.

Meetings at Room 48 McCormick Block, 69 and 71 Dearborn St., every Friday at 10 A.M. Visitors welcome.

WITH quiet gladness the young president of a Christian Endeavor Society laid a check upon the Treasurer's account book the other morning, saying: "It is my first month's salary as teacher in the High School. If I had received the appointment through an agency I would have had to pay half of this, and as I got it in answer to prayer I want to give it all."

IN addition to the names given in Year Book for special prayer, we add the names, with dates, of eleven whose birthdays occur this month. Let us pray and give thanks for them: Dec. 6, Miss Holliday, Persia, Miss Morrison, India; 7, Mrs. Gates, Guatemala; 8, Mrs. C. F. Johnson, China; 18, Mrs. Brown, Mexico; 22, Mrs. Brashear, Persia; 24, Mrs. McGaw, India; 28, Misses Fleeson, Laos, and Wheeler, Mexico, and Mrs. Lee, Korea.

LETTERS come lamenting the absorption of very many Bands and Young Ladies' Societies into the C. E., with the loss of their missionary character and interest. Is there need of this loss? In some, one meeting each month is a genuine missionary meeting, with regular gifts

for missions. The Juniors may have for leader a member of the Auxiliary Society and study countries and people where our missions are as well as the work itself. See suggestions in our *Hand Book*, price 6 cts.

ANOTHER suggestion given in this helpful little pamphlet which we know has been tried with success: The plan of "Leaflet Circles" to gain knowledge, also money for additional literature; we hope that many of our Societies will adopt it.

The new subject for December calls for special study of our Bibles as to reason why our churches should be missionary. *Foreign Missions in Moses and the Prophets*, our Responsive Reading (20 cts. per 100), gives some of the Old Testament passages. As to "Personal Responsibility," let us study anew the promises we made upon uniting with the church, in connection with our Lord's last command.

LET no officer nor society neglect to order the *Hand Book*. Not only the officers but all members need the 1898 *Year Book*, with its full list of missionaries, stations and work carried on in each, together with appropriate texts. Price, 10 cts. Last year we received over a hundred orders after the edition was exhausted.

THE revised *Historical Sketches*, brought down to date, are now ready. Single sketch, 10 cts. each; per set, 60 cts. Bound in one vol., 75 cts. Address W. P. B. M., Room 48 McCormick Block, Chicago, Ill.

From New York.

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., corner 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 A.M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

THE Treasurer requests that all communications intended for her department may be addressed to Room 816, 156 Fifth Ave.

THE fourth annual meeting of the Kentucky Women's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions was held at Covington, on October 14. The programme is an interesting one, and the reports characterize the meeting as the "most encouraging" of any yet held. Dr. Lucas, so much beloved in Kentucky as well as elsewhere, for his work's sake, told of bright and happy Christians among the lepers of India. Mrs. W. S. Nelson interested all greatly by the glimpses she gave into the home life and work of missionaries in Syria, and Rev. Frederick A. Walter, a missionary to Western Central Africa, related thrilling experiences of pioneer life in that land and detailed intensely interesting answers to prayer. A letter from a secretary of our Board pressed the importance of *personal* response, responsibility and prayer. "Each speaker emphasized the spiritual side of the work, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in power." A very touching exercise was given by twenty little white-gowned girls in response to the inquiry, "What will you give?" "Our lives, our eyes, our hands, our feet, our tongues," being the various answers. This was thought "the sweetest thing on the programme."

The removal of Mrs. J. F. Lewis from the State necessitated her resignation as President of the Synodical Society. She has been a most efficient and devoted officer from its organization and will be greatly missed. Miss Julia R. Todd has consented to fill the vacancy.

THE meetings of the Synod of New York were felt by our Utica friends to have been a great stimulus and help. The sum of $5,125 towards liquidation of the debt was secured.

ROCHESTER presbyterial society held an excellent fall meeting, which was well attended, notwithstanding a stormy day.

SYRACUSE gives a very encouraging report of their semi-annual meeting. The day was beautiful and there were one hundred and eighty-nine visitors who came by special train. The literature table was an unusual success. One hundred and four Year Books were sold and six dollars' worth of leaflets.

FOR the December meetings, we have on Syria, *Historical Sketch*, 10 cts.; *Questions and Answers*, 5 cts.; *Selma*, *Salaam*, and *Dr. C. V. A. Van Dyck*, each 2 cts.

Northern New York.

IT would seem very fitting, at this Christmas time, that we should include in our gifts a special gift to the debt of the Board, or rather to the "church's pledged debt—pledged by the highest court of the church." The workers at the front have set the workers at home a noble example in this matter. Nothing would cheer and encourage our missionaries more than to know that the debt was a thing of the past. We feel assured that the women of Northern New York will feel it a privilege to have a part in wiping out this debt of the church.

IN a private letter just received from Miss Christensen, she speaks of disappointment in being obliged to give up the hope of reinforcement for Benito, for lack of funds. The needs of this station we trust may be made a special subject of prayer, that the much longed for and much needed reinforcements may not be much longer delayed.

IF any Treasurer, or Christian Endeavor Society, failed to receive the communication in regard to the transfer of the Christian Endeavor and Young People's Societies to the Women's Board, and the Sabbath-schools to the Assembly's Board, they will please notify Miss E. P. Meneely, 78 First St., Troy, N. Y.

WE desire to call attention of officers, and members of Auxiliaries, to the aid they could give to officers of the General Society if they would feel a personal responsibility in enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of young people in their churches in the work of the world's evangelization.

WE would again remind subscribers to WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN that a prompt renewal of their subscription saves time and labor at 156 Fifth Avenue. This magazine should be in every home within our bounds, and to accomplish this there should be a thorough canvass made in every church. Sample copies can be obtained of Miss Bush, 29 Second St., Troy, N. Y.; also the Year Book of Prayer, for which orders should be sent immediately. Price, 10 cts.

From St. Louis.

Meetings at Room 21, 1516 Locust St., first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 10 A.M. Leaflets and missionary literature obtained by sending to the above number.

ANNUAL meeting of the Synodical Society of Missouri was held October 27, 28. Thursday was devoted to foreign missions and was a day of great blessing. Interesting reports were received from the six presbyteries in the Synod, containing much that was encouraging. The minor chord in these reports was in the statements of depreciated funds with which to carry on the work.

A DELIGHTFUL and most interesting hour of synodical meeting was that occupied by Mrs. W. S. Nelson, of Tripoli, Syria. Along with the bright things told us concerning her work, there was also a story of the pitiable condition of the people; but saddest of all was the cry of retrenchment in the work made necessary by lack of needed funds.

THE "Quiz Hour," led by Mrs. Meredith, was suggestive and instructive. "Words from Our Workers" came from our own missionary, Mrs. Gifford of Seoul, Korea, who gave us glimpses into Korean homes, schools and itinerary work during her experience of nine years in that country. Miss Anna Melton, who has been making special visitations, under the direction of the Board, spoke effectively on the subject that lies heavily upon our hearts at this special time—gifts for the Lord's work.

THURSDAY evening, Mrs. L. K. Richardson, synodical secretary, gave an excellent report reviewing the work of the year. We also had the pleasure of hearing Rev. W. S. Nelson in an instructive address on the conditions of life and methods of missionary work in Syria. Rev. J. C. R Ewing of Lahore, India, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, made the closing address of the evening. The hearts of all present were stirred by his earnest appeal to American Christians, in behalf of increased contributions to foreign work.

Our annual meeting was indeed a "mount of privilege." While there are some things to sadden our hearts, we enter upon the work of the coming year with earnest desire and prayer and renewed determination to do a larger work in the Master's name than ever before, and in the spirit of our chosen motto we will "Go forth to conquer."

WE regret to announce the loss by death of two members of our Board during the summer, Mrs. Baird of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Clarke of Kansas City, Kan. Both were excellent workers for missions in their field and will be missed in their large usefulness and helpful words and work.

AS Mrs. Meade C. Williams is abroad and will be for a number of months, please have all foreign letters intended for her sent to Mrs. H. W. Prentis, 1516 Locust St.

SPECIAL attention is called to the Year Book for 1898, price 10 cts. Also, to a *Letter from Dr. Henry H. Jessup*, a leaflet for free distribution. No woman can read it without having her heart touched and a longing desire to sacrifice a little more to help forward the work in foreign lands. It is a wonderful plea. Let it be read in every society and in every home.

HELPFUL leaflets for December meetings: *Proportionate and Systematic Giving* (free) cannot be too strongly recommended; *Thanksgiving Ann.*, *Proportionate Giving*, a true story, 1 ct.; *Will a Man Rob God*, 1 ct. On Syria: *Flash Lights*, 3 cts.; *Fareedie*, and *Selma*, 2 cts. each.

From San Francisco.

Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. Visitors welcome.

AT the last meeting of the Occidental Board we missed the pleasant greetings from Miss Cameron, associate matron of the Mission Home. She was very ill and prayer was offered for her early recovery. It was necessary that some one assist Mrs. Field in managing so large a family, so the services of Mrs. Wing, formerly A 'Tsun, one of the girls of the Home, were secured. She has proved herself to be a jewel —a help in every way—being able to talk to the girls in Chinese and interpret for the matron.

A 'Tsun was the woman chosen by the Occidental Board to lay the corner-stone of the new headquarters in 1893. "All eyes centered upon the modest, quiet-mannered little Chinese woman as she touched the stone with the trowel and in her clear tone uttered these words, 'With a strong faith in the redemption of my country-women in this land and in China I lay this corner-stone in the name of Jesus Christ.'"

Mrs. I. M. Condit has prepared a sketch of A 'Tsun's life in leaflet form, and if you have not read it, it will pay you to send to Occidental Board for it. Price, 2 cts.

MRS. KAN of Portland, Ore., another of the former girls of the Mission Home, has recently paid several visits here and given valuable and useful presents in token of the love she bears her old home. Accompanying her were her three children. These dear little children are looked upon as grandchildren of the Home.

MRS. TONG HING, a little-footed Chinese lady (her feet are only two and a half inches long), is at the Home as guest of the government. She is detained here instead of going directly from steamer to her husband, a merchant in Chinatown, only a few blocks away, because she is not *legally landed*. Owing to lack of some official signature, her papers had to be sent back to China. Our matron is responsible for her appearance when the papers arrive. She is ladylike in appearance and manner and spends her time mostly in taking care of her baby boy.

MISS EVELYN BROWNE, daughter of Mrs. P. D. Browne, President of our Occidental Board, is our very efficient teacher in the Home School. That she is well adapted to the work is evidenced by the exercises of the children. It is a delight to hear them sing songs of praise and recite Scripture verses, while the little ones captivate us with their kindergarten exercises.

ALL the money has been raised for Dr. Alice Fish's outfit and passage to Seoul, Korea, and she sails this month. Our prayers accompany her in her mission of love and mercy.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND SOCIETIES.

ILLINOIS.
Brookfield.
Chicago, Kenwood Ch., Y.L.

IOWA.
Cascade.

NEBRASKA.
Superior.

NEW JERSEY.
Basking Ridge, S.C.E.
Dover, S.C.E.
Frenchtown, Jr. C.E.
Lambertville, S.C.E.
Newark, Bethany Ch., Jr. C.E.
" 2d Ch., S.C.E.
Springfield, S.C.E.

NEW YORK.
Oneida Castle, Girls' Bd.

OHIO.
Carlisle, S.C.E.
Cincinnati, 1st Ch., S.C.E.
Findlay, 1st Ch., S.C.E.
Frederickstown, S.C.E.
Glendale, S.C.E.
Portsmouth, 2d Ch., Jr. C.E.
Wapakoneta, S.C.E.

PENNSYLVANIA.
Altoona, 1st Ch., S.C.E.
Bellwood, Jr. C.E.
Butler, 1st Ch., Our Missionary Soc.
Cresson, S.C.E.
Elizabeth, Jr. C.E.
Hawley, S.C.E.
Jamestown, Jr. C.E.
Leesburg, Jr. C.E.
New London, S.C.E.
Philadelphia, Gaston Ch., S.C.E.
" Kensington Ch., Int. S.C.E.
" Olivet Ch., S.C.E.
" Tioga Ch., Seek and Save Bd.
" Westm'r Ch., S.C.E.
Plum Creek, S.C.E.
Rich Hill, S.C.E.
Rutledge, Calvary Ch., S.C.E.
Wilkes-Barre, Mem. Ch., Int. C.E.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from Oct. 1, 1897.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Athens, 7.79; Marietta, 18.54; Middleport, S.C.E., 7.90; Warren, S.C.E., 3, $37.23

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore, 2d, Willing Hearts, 10.70; Broadway, S.S., 11.71; Govanstown, 22; A Woman Suffragist, 25, 69.41

BELLEFONTAINE.—Bucyrus, 7.50; Crestline, 6.40; De Graff, 10; Forest, 5; Galion, 12.20; Kenton, 50; Spring Hills, 15, 106.10

BUTLER.—Butler, 9.20; Centreville, 3.50; Concord, 8; Fairview, S.C.E., 10; Grove City, 23, S.C.E., 54.39; Harlansburg, 10; Mt. Nebo, 6, S.C.E., 15; North Liberty, 11.60, Workers for Jesus, 3.70; North Washington, 12.25; Plain Grove, Cheerful Workers, 5; Scrubgrass, S.C.E., 10; Unionville, S.C.E., 5; West Sunbury, Y.L.C., 7.50, S.C.E., 10; Zelienople, 26, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E. Jr., 10, 250.14

CARLISLE.—Carlisle, 1st, 25; 2d, 25, Y.L.B., 6.55; Chambersburg, Falling Sp., 11.50; Green Castle, Y.L.B., 7.50; Harrisburg, Market Sq., 60, S.S. Sen'r Dep't, 15.48, S.C.E. Jr., 12; Lebanon, Christ Ch., 8; Lower Marsh Creek, 9.65; Mechanicsburg, 25, Birthday Bd., 6; Newport, 5.35; Paxton, 10; Shippensburg, 18.50; Silver Spring, 7.57; Upper Path Valley, 20, 273.10

CHILLICOTHE.—Bainbridge (syn. obj., 1), 4; Bloomingburg, 10, S.C.E., 1.40; Chillicothe, 1st, 25; Concord, 2.75; Frankfort, 5; Greenfield, 16.60; Hillsboro', 18.75, Sycamore Val. Bd., 3.75; Marshall (syn. obj., 1, *debt*, 3), 6; Mt. Pleasant, 5; North Fork, 8.40; Pisgah, 6.50; Salem, 10; Washington C. H., 11.45; Wilmington, 2, 136.60

CLEVELAND.—Ashtabula, 10; Cleveland, 1st, 2; 2d (syn. obj., 1), 41.55; Calvary, 62.25; Case Ave., 13.25; Madison Ave., 3.50; North, 13.50, S.C.E., 8, Youthful Helpers, 6.75; South, 5; Willson Ave., 12.50, Primary Cl., 4.25; Woodland Ave., 80; Glenville, 3.50; Windermere (syn. obj., 1.75), 5.99, 272.66

ELIZABETH.—Basking Ridge, 42.70, S.C.E., 15; Clinton, 12.33; Cranford, 17.25; Elizabeth, Ass'n, 125; 3d Ch., Mission Sch., 3, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E. Jr., 7; Greystone, Cheerful Givers, 45; Lamington, 10.68, Bd., 1.46; Plainfield Ass'n, 172.48; Pluckamin, 23.28, Bd., 19.26; Roselle, 29.87; Springfield, S.C.E., 10; Westfield, 25; Woodbridge (Thank Off., 13.78), 28.78, S.C.E., 5, 603.09

ERIE.—Edinboro', 3.88; Erie, Central, S.C.E., 2.50; Erie, Chestnut St., S.C.E., 3.75; Erie, Park, 23.02, S.C.E., 10; Fairview, S.C.E., 5; Franklin, 50, S.C.E., 10; Girard, 15.52; Irvineton, S.C.E., 5; Meadville, 1st, S.C.E., 2.50; Mercer, 2d, 15.52; Mill Village, S.C.E., 5; Mt. Pleasant, 6.49; North East, 50; Oil City, 1st, 25; Pleasantville, 11.15; Salem, 8.73; Springfield, S.C.E., 2.50; Warren, Mrs. F. Henry, 200. 455.56

FAIRFIELD.—Bethlehem, 1st, 25 cts.; Carmel, 50 cts.; Cheraw, 50 cts.; Ebenezer, 83 cts.; Good Will, 25 cts.; Hermon, 1.50; Ladson, 1.25; Lancaster, 2d, 25 cts.; Malina, 50 cts.; Mt. Carmel, 50 cts.; Mt. Olivet, 50 cts.; Tabor, 50 cts.; Collection, 2.99. 10.32

HOLSTON.—Elizabethton, 2.50; Jonesboro', 10; Mt. Bethel, 9.75; Salem, 7.65, 29.90

HURON.—Clyde, 1.85; Fostoria, 15.91; Huron, 2.33, S.C.E., 4.08; Monroeville, 9.94; Norwalk, 13.49; Peru, 3.88; Sandusky, 10.21, 61.69

LACKAWANNA.—Athens, 12.50; Carbondale, 1st, 116.25; Honesdale, 35, Titus Bd., 15; Kingston, 25; Monroeton, 11, Montrose, Y.L.B., 10; Pittston, 1st, Bethel Bd., 5, Lakawa Bd., 12; Plymouth, 15.30; Scranton, 1st, 75, Juvenile Ass'n, 125; Scranton, 2d, *special*, 250; Providence, 13; Washburn St., 9.60, Bertha Lamont Soc., 35.65; Towanda, 41; Troy, 20, Birthday Bd., 6.25; West Pittston, 28; Wilkes Barre, 1st, 100; Wilkes-Barre, Mem'l, Whosoever Will Bd., 10; Wyalusing, 1st, 10, S.C.E. Jr., 6; Wysox, 5, 1,029.05

LIMA.—Ada, 9.40; Bluffton, 2; Delphos, 8; Findlay, 1st, 5.40; 2d, 3.35; Lima 1st, 32.50; Ottawa, 7; St. Mary's, 5.25; Rockford, 4; Van Wert, 14.13, 121.03

MAHONING.—Ellsworth, 3.50; Kinsman, 10; Leetonia, 5.60; Poland, 13; Youngstown, 1st, 40. 72.10

MARION.—Chesterville, 5, Little Gleaners, 5; Delaware, 60, Junior Soc., 4, Y.P.S., 100; Jerome, 5.20; Liberty, 12.20; Marysville, S.C.E., 9; Prospect, 3; Richwood, S.C.E., 2.60; Trenton, 12, 218.00

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Boonton, 15; Dover, 21.80; E. Orange, 1st, Elmwood Bd., 50; Bethel, 9; Brick, 100; Flanders, 5; Hanover, 77, Cheerful Workers, 12; Madison, 15.35; New Providence, 20; St. Cloud, 13.82; South Orange, 50, 388.97

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Amwell, 1st, 22; 2d, 16; Bound Brook, 5; Flemington, 11.18, Gleaners, 75; Frenchtown, S.C.E. Jr., 15; Milford, 30; New Brunswick, 1st, 25; Pennington, 27, Anna Foster Bd., 15; Princeton, 1st, 140.54; Trenton, 1st, 125, 506.72

NEW CASTLE.—Forest, 8.06; Glasgow, 5, Loyal Workers, 1.75; Green Hill, Earnest Workers, 8.10; Head of Christiana, 12.50; Lewes, 8; Manoken, 15; Port Penn, 3; Rock, 4; Wilmington, Hanover, 45, S.C.E., 4.28; Zion (T.O., 8.50), 14.92, I'll Try Bd., 10, Baby Ethel Bd., 1.50, 141.11

NEWTON.—Andover, 3; Belvedere, 1st, 40; 2d, 16; Blairstown, 37; Hackettstown, 15; Musconetcong Val., 6.01; Newton, 44.75, Primary S.S., 2; Oxford, 2d, Primary Cl., 7.97; Phillipsburg, Westm'r, 20; Stewartsville, 12.50; Stillwater, 8.30, 212.53

NORTHUMBERLAND.—A Lady, 100.00

PHILADELPHIA.—Olivet, S.C.E. 10; Mrs. E. L. Linnard, *debt*, 100; Miss Lucille Flanigen, *debt*, 10; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Weitzel, *debt*, 10; Dr. C. P. Turner, *debt*, 10, 140.00

PHILADELPHIA, NORTH.—Abington, 15.20; Chestnut Hill, 35; Frankford, S.C.E., 4; Germantown, 1st, 100, S.C.E., 16.74, Class, 14.12; Morrisville, 20; Neshaminy of Warminster, 5, Ivyland, S.C.E., 10.50, S.C.E. Jr., 2, Nicholas, S.C.E. Jr., 50 cts.; Norristown, 1st, 2.75, S.C.E., 2.25; Norristown, Central, S.C.E., 4; Overbrook, 1.50, S.S., 50; Reading, 1st, 74.50; Wyncote, S.C.E., 3; Offering from Shanghai, 3, Int. on Deposits, 1, 362.94

PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHENY COM.—Shady Side, S.C.E., 10.00

REDSTONE.—Belle Vernon, 19.50; Dunbar, 8.30, Loring Bd., 4.17; Fairchance, S.C.E., 2.48; Long Run, 16; Little Redstone, 17.85; McKeesport, 1st, 25; Mt. Moriah, 1.45; New Providence, 11.50; New Salem, 5; Pleasant Unity, Trusting Bd., 1.50; Rehoboth, 11; Scottdale, 12; West Newton, 8; Col. Pres. Meeting, 24.15, 167.90

SHENANGO.—Centre, 16, S.C.E., 15; Hermon, 8.65; Hopewell, Circle, 4; Leesburg, 5.50; Mahoning, 10, S.C.E., 20, S.C.E. Jr., 5; Moravia, 4; Neshannock, 57.50; New Brighton, 40.20; New Castle, 1st, Helena Bd., 10, S.C.E., 10; New Castle, Cent'l, 5; Rich Hill, 12.75, S.S., 7; Sharon, 20, S.C.E., 10; Slippery Rock, 10; Transfer, 10; Westfield, 140, 420.60

WASHINGTON.—Burgettstown, 1st, 32.75; Westm'r, Willing Workers, 10; Claysville, 50, S.C.E., 12.65; Cove, 10.75; Cross Creek, 35; Forks of Wheeling, 27; Lower Ten Mile, 12.50; Mill Creek, 24.75; Upper Buffalo, 50, McMillan Bd., 30, Mary Shaw Bd., 10; Washington, 1st, 75, Cornes Bd., 25; Wash'n, 2d, 28.48, S.C.E., 15; West Alexander, Hold the Fort Bd., 15; Wellsburg, 10.70; Wheeling, 1st, 75, Cherith Bd., 20, 569.58

WASHINGTON CITY.—Anacostia, Garden Mem'l, 6.70; Eckington, 6, S.C.E., 5.42; Falls Ch., 42; Hyattsville, 5, S.C.E., 10; Lewinsville, 2.75; Manassas, 4; Tacoma, S.C.E., 4; Washington, 1st, 27.50; 4th, 26.16, Golden Chain Bd., 5; 6th, 23.15, Cheerful Givers, 5; 15th St., 5; Assembly, 10, S.C.E., 6.50; Covenant, S.C.E. Jr., 4; Eastern, 13.75; Gunton Temple, 21, S.C.E., 5.19, S.C.E. Jr., 2.04; Gurley Mem'l, 40.06; Metropolitan, 65, Mateer Bd., 10; New York Ave., 100, Girls' Guild, 12.50, Roberts Bd., 4, S.C.E. (*debt*, 10), 16.05, Bethany Bd., 11.30, Bethany Boys, 6.02; North, 14; Western, 15; West St., 25, S.C.E., 8; Westm'r, 10, 577.09

WESTMINSTER.—Chanceford, 41.45; Chestnut Level, 4.12; Leacock, 10; Little Britain, 12.50; Middle Octorara, 11.65; Slate Ridge, 11; Slateville, 15; Union, 16; Wrightsville, 7; York, Westm'r, 10; Pres. Soc. Thank Off., 440.65, Col. Pres. Meeting, 6.80, 586.17

WOOSTER.—Apple Creek (syn. obj., 50 cts.), 3.25; Ashland, 11; Bellville (syn. obj., 1), 8; Congress, 15; Creston, 1.50; Hopewell, Holcomb Bd., 15; Loudonville, 5; Mansfield, 17.71; Orrville, 6; Savannah, 19, Lenington Bd., 19; Wayne, 6.57;

Wooster, Westm'r, 47.30, Y.L.B., 4.46, Coan Bd. (syn. obj., 1), 23, Rev. J. J. Lucas, 4, 205.79

ZANESVILLE.—Coshocton, 10.50; Dresden, 6.80; Duncan's Falls, 6.02; Hanover, 5; Homer, 10; Jersey, 9; Madison, 20; Martinsburg, 4, S.C.E., 9; Mt. Pleasant, 4.40; Mt. Vernon, 17, S.C.E., 7.94; Mt. Zion, 5; Newark, 1st, 12; Pataskala, 10, S.C.E., 5; Utica, 9.50; West Carlisle, 2.50; Zanesville, 1st, 10; 2d, 43.70, 207.36

MISCELLANEOUS.—Through Mr. Chas W. Hand, Treas., Englishtown, N. J., S.C.E., 5; Beverly, N. J., S.C.E., 1.75; Barnegat, N. J., S.C.E., 25; Forked River, S.C.E., 2.50; Oceanic, N. J., S.C.E., 20; Kingsland, N. J., S.C.E., 10; Lyons Farms, N. J., S.C.E., 10; Elizabeth, N. J., Hope Chapel, 5; Gallitzin, Pa., S.C.E., 5; Penfield, Pa., S.C.E., 10; Atlantic, Pa., S.C.E., 2.50; Scranton, Pa., Sumner St., S.C.E., 33 cts.; Northfield, O., S.C.E., 5; Ada, O., S.C.E., 8.50; Delphos, O., S.C.E., 20; Findlay, O., 2d, S.C.E., 3.75; Lima, 1st, S.C.E., 25; Ottawa, O., S.C.E., 6.25; St. Mary's, S.C.E., 7.50; Van Wert, O., S.C.E., 18.75; Venedocia, O., S.C.E., 3; Wapakoneta, O., S.C.E. 5· French, O., S.C.E., 1.56; White Oak, O., S.C.E., 10.18; Yellow Creek, O., S.C.E., 20; Alliance, O., 25 (235.07); McMinnville, Ore., Mrs. F. J. Martin, 1.50; Monongahela, Pa., Mrs. Mary Boggs, 2; Gwynedd, Pa., Bright Jewels, *debt*, 5; Morristown, N. J., Miss Hastings, 2; Phila., J. M. F., *debt*, 100; Roxabelle, O., Thank Off., 5; Int. on Investments, 104.34. 464.91

Total for October, 1897,	$ 8.796.23
Total since May 1, 1897,	29,353.17

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treas.*,
November 1, 1897. 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Boxes have been sent as follows: To Mrs. Calderwood, Ambala, from Willing Workers, Norristown, Pa., Bethlehem Aux., Phila., Woodland Ave. Aux., Cleveland, O.; To Miss Thiede, Waga, from Willing Workers, Bloomfield, N. J., Miss Rippard's Bd., Baltimore, Md.; To Saharanpur Orphanage, from Miriam Bd., Germantown, Pa.; To Dr. Jessie Wilson, Persia, from Beaver Falls, Pa., Y.L.B., valued at $82. Friends in Washington, D. C., have sent Mrs. U. S. G. Jones $25 for stereopticon.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to Oct. 20, 1897.

ALTON.—Alton, 4.70; Baldwin, C.E., 3; Carlinville, 3.75; Carrollton, 8.50; E. St. Louis, 6; Greenville, 2.25; Litchfield, 1, C.E., 75 cts.; Godfrey, Salem Ch., 10 (less Fbyl. ex., 1.45), $38.50

BLOOMINGTON.—Bement, 4.50; Bloomington, 1st, 6.80; 2d, 30.20, Chinese Bd., 8.34; Champaign, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Gunn, 12.50; Chenoa, 10.70; Clinton, 35; Gilman, 1.50; Hoopeston, 4, C.E., 3; Lexington, 9.50; Minonk, 10.50; Normal, C.E., 5; Paxton, C.E., 9.51; Ridgeville, Mrs. A. L. Gould, 60; Rossville, 3.50; Towanda, 3.45. 218.00

BOISE.—Bellevue, 2; Boise, 2.50; Caldwell, 1.20, 5.70

BOULDER.—Berthoud, 9.80; Boulder, 10; Ft. Collins, 10; Fossil Creek, 4.50; Ft. Morgan, 13.65, Jr. C.E., 4; Greeley, 5; Longmont, 1; Timnath, 3.75, 61.70

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Anamosa, 4.75; Blairstown, 9.10, C.E., 1, Y.L.S., 2.02; Cedar Rapids, 1st, 152.22; 2d, 30, King's Daughters, 5.25; Central Pk. Ch., 16.64; Clarence, 18; Clinton, 126.10; Center Junction, 2; Garrison, 6.67; Lyons, 2.70; Marion, 30, C.E., 25; Mechanicsville, 5; Vinton, 64.74, C.E., 7.50; Mt. Vernon, Linn Grove Ch., 24.25, Aurora Borealis Bd., 10; Onslow, 3.25; Shellsburg, 5.30, C.E., 8.51; Scotch Grove, 5; Wyoming, 19.40. 584.40

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Artesian, 4.50, Jr. C.E., 1.10; Brookings, 3.52; Hitchcock, C.E., 5; Madison, 5; Woonsocket, 3, 22.12

CHICAGO.—Chicago Heights, 5; Chicago, Belden Av. Ch., Y.L.B., 4; Campbell Pk. Ch., 5.38; 1st, 145.25; 2d, 174.03; 3d, 200; 4th, 127; Christ Chapel, C.E., 38.17; 5th, 5.17; 6th, 27.65, C.E., 20; 41st St. Ch., 40.64; 60th St. Ch., 7; Englewood, 1st, 15, C.E., 27.15; Hyde Pk., 17, Y.P.S., 50; Jefferson Pk., C.E., 25; Lake View Ch., C.E., Miss Fanny Hall, 84.15; South Side Tabernacle, 3.20; Ridgeway Av. Ch., Jr. C.E., 1; Woodlawn Pk. Ch., 5.25; Evanston, 1st, C.E., 25.42, Noyes Circle, 26.50; Highland, Pk., 15; Joliet, 1st, 15; Kankakee, 8; La Grange, C.E., 12.50; Lake Forest, Mitchell Hall, Y.W.C.A., 13, Y.P.S., 21.24; Manteno, 26; Maywood, 5; Oak Pk., 22, Jr. C.E., 7; River Forest, 25 (the gift credited to Riverside last March was from River Forest); Anon., 6.25, 1,254.93

CHIPPEWA.—Ashland, 1st, 1.15; Bayfield, 1.85; Baldwin, 5; Chippewa Falls, 50 cts.; Eau Claire, 4.60; Hudson, 5; Phillips, 50 cts.; W. Superior, 1.83; Rice Lake, 3.50. 23.93

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, 12.50; Bethany, 13; Beulah, 13.20; Crawfordsville, Center Ch., 38; Clinton, 3.50; 1st, 10.80; Darlington, 3; Dana, 3.60; Dayton, 20; Delphi, 12.50, Mrs. C. J. Bowen, 37.50; Frankfort, 9; Ladoga, 2.50, C.E., 14; N. Lexington, 2; Lafayette, 1st, 10; Newtown, 7.55; Boswell, C.E., 1; Rockville, 7.50, C.E., 5; Rock Creek, C.E., 4.25; Romney, 14; Thorntown, 6, Brier Bd., 10.50; Union, 3; Waveland, 8.75; Williamsport, 2, 274.65

DENVER.—Athens, S. Broadway Ch., 5; Denver, Central Ch., 63.19, C.E., 10; First Av. Ch., 11.11, C.E., 10; North Ch., 5.05; Twenty-third Av. Ch., 25, C.E., 6.25; Hyde Pk. Ch., 2.50; Highland Pk., 2.50; Westm'r Ch., 7.50; Ft. Logan, Littleton Ch., 1; Georgetown, 5.25, 154.35

DUBUQUE.—Dubuque, 2d, C.E., 3, Jr. C.E., 2; Frankville, C.E., 4; Independence, C.E., 10.76; Oelwein, 4.85; Winthrop, Pine Creek Ch., C.E., 8, 32.61

FT. DODGE.—Armstrong, 2; Bancroft, 1.52, T. Addison Williams Mem'l, 5; Boone, 17.25, C.E., 2.25; Burt, 9; Churdan, 5.34; Dana, 6.50; Ft. Dodge, 16.33; Glidden, 5.97; Grand Junction, 5; Jefferson, 8, C.E., 10; Lake City, 10; Livermore, Bethel Ch., 5; Pocahontas, 1.67; Pomeroy, 2.25; Spirit Lake, 3.30, 116.38

FT. WAYNE.—Bluffton, 8; Ft. Wayne, 1st, 5.50; Westm'r Ch., 8.50; Huntington, 10.50; Lima, 1.80. 34.30

FLINT.—Caro, 7.90; Fenton, 2.75, C.E., 75 cts.; Flint, 8; Flushing, C.E., 3; Marlette, 1st, 3; 2d, 3.58, C.E. Jr., 2.40; Port Huron, 1.80; Vassar, 2.90, 36.08

FREEPORT.—Freeport, 1st, C.E., 25; Harvard, 2.63; Rockford, 1st, 50; Westm'r Ch., 15.50; Oregon, 6,16; Polo, 3.94, 103.23

GUNNISON.—Aspen, 1.80; Gunnison, C.E., 10; Leadville, 7.65; Salida, 2.50, C.E., 1.20, Jr. C.E., 75 cts., 23.90

HASTINGS.—Ayr, Mrs. M. M. Rogers, 2; Edgar, 1.20; Hansen, 3, C.E., 10; Hastings, 4; Holdrege, 2.80, Friends, 10; Nelson, 10, Jr. C.E., 5, 48.00

HELENA.—Bozeman, 14; Helena, 7.15, 21.15

INDIANAPOLIS.—Brazil, 10; Columbus, 26.21; Hopewell Ch., 37.54; Indianapolis, E. Washington St. Ch., 3.50, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 5; North Indianapolis, Home Ch., 1.75, 89.00

IOWA CITY.—Brooklyn, 7.60; Columbus Junction, 5; Davenport, 1st, 30.60; 2d, 5; Deep River, 2.50; Iowa City, 32; Scott Ch., 10; Marengo, 8.50; Malcom, 5; Montezuma, 14.25; Muscatine, 28; Sigourney, 1.50; Tipton, 27.46; Red Oak Grove Ch., 9; Washington, 45.75; West Branch, 3.50; West Liberty, 4.56; Williamsburg, A Friend, 5; Wilton, 6, 251.22

LANSING.—Albion, 9; Homer, 3.62; Jackson, 1.60; Marshall, 9.30, 23.52

LOGANSPORT.—Bourbon, 1.25; Crown Point, 7, Y.L.C., 3; Concord, 1.05; Goodland, 4; Kentland, 5.60; LaPorte, 6, C.E., 2.66, Willing Workers, 1.25; Lowell, Lake Prairie Ch., 4.50; Logansport, 1st, C.E., 5.50, Y.L.C., 2.50; Broadway Ch., 13.55, Mrs. Isaac N. Crawford, 6.25; Lake Cicott, Pisgah Ch., 11.25; Mishawaka, 5; Michigan City, 1.86; Monticello, 12; Remington, 3; Rochester, 1.40; Valparaiso, 5, 103.62

MADISON.—Baraboo, 8; Janesville, Jr. C.E., 10; Lima, 3.13; Lodi, 15; Madison, 20.67; Poynette, 16.50, 73.30

MANKATO.—Blue Earth, 10; Jackson, 5.40; Kasota, 1; Le Sueur, 7.85; Mankato, 14.05; Pilot Grove, 10; St. Peter, 5.19; Tracy, 1.75; Worthington, 12.65, Busy Bees, 9, 76.89

MATTOON.—Ashmore, 6.47, C.E., 4.18; Assumption, 9.54; Kansas, 9.50; Neoga, 7.30; Paris 7; Pana, 39.70, C.E., 12.25; Taylorville, 7.23; Tuscola, 5.90; Lerna, C.E., 1.70, 110.77

MONROE.—Blissfield, 8.90; Coldwater, 10; Hillsdale, 14.75; Jonesville, 10, C.E., 5; Monroe, 9; Quincey, 8.50, C.E., 5, 71.15

MUNCIE.—Anderson, C.E., 10; Converse, Mrs. M. C. Kelsey, 25; Elwood, 6; Jonesboro, 3.75; Marion, 12.50; Tipton, 6.50; Union City, 2.50; Wabash, 25; Winchester, 2.73, 93.98

NEBRASKA CITY.—Beatrice, 1st, 17.20, Self-denial, 9, 1st Div. C.E., 5.68; Fairbury, 2.56; Fairmont, 80 cts.; Hickman, German Ch., 12; Lincoln, 1st, 40; 2d, 8.44, C.E., 12.50; Palmyra, 2.40; Plattsmouth, 4; Seward, 6; York, 15.60, 136.18

NEW ALBANY.—Bedford, 4; Corydon, 4.65, Easter Off., Bd., 3; Hanover, 2.60; Jeffersonville, 29.50; Madison, 1st, 15; Mitchell, 5; New Albany, 1st, 23.78; 2d, 23.46, Mrs. W. C. Nunemacher, 10; 3d, 24.34; Orleans, 5.10; Otisco, 1.50; Mt. Vernon Ch., 6; Paoli, 2, C.E., 3.25; Salem, 3.60; Seymour, Evangel Bd., 25; Vernon, 4.75; Vevay, 1.25, 197.78

OTTAWA.—Elgin, House of Hope Ch., C.E., 3.23; Florid, 2; Morris, 9; Ottawa, C.E., 15; Waltham, 5, 34.23

PEORIA.—Canton, 31, Little Owls, 48.64; Deer Creek, 4; Elmira, 6; Temple Builders,, 10, C.E., 6.25; Eureka, 15.67; Galesburg, 9; Green Valley, 6.25; Ipava, 12.50; Knoxville, 27; Lewistown, 12; Oneida, C.E., 5; Peoria, 1st, 19, E. R. Edwards Bd., 12, Little Lights, 2, C.E., 6.25; 2d, 11; Grace Ch., 14.35; Yates City, 3, 260.91

RED RIVER.—Argyle, 5; Moray, Bethel Ch., 6.65; Warren, 3.65, 15.30

ROCK RIVER.—Aledo, C.E., 25; Viola, C.E., 3, 28.00

ST. PAUL.—Hastings, 4; St. Paul, Central Ch., C.E., 25; 1st, 5; House of Hope Ch., 58.75; Knox Ch., 2.95; Macalester, 2, Golden Rule Bd., 1.50; Merriam Pk., VanCleve Soc., 8.85; Westm'r Ch., 7.50, 115.55

SPRINGFIELD.—Athens, N. Sangamon Ch., 30; Chatham, 3.75, Little Light Bearers, 1; Decatur, 63; Farmingdale, 12.50; Jacksonville, United Portuguese, 15; 2d Portuguese, Y.L.S., 10; Lincoln, 46.15; Maroa, C.E., 5; Mason City, 15.25; Orleans, Pisgah Ch., 7.50; Petersburg, 9, C.E., 27.07; Springfield, Brainerd Ch'l, 12.85; 2d, 20.50, C.E., 20; 3d, 15; Winchester, 5.20, C.E., 4.95; Woodson, Unity Ch., 6.20, 329.92

ST. CLOUD.—Litchfield, 17.00

SIOUX CITY.—Odebolt, 2; Sioux City, 1st, 3.88, 5.88

UTAH.—Salt Lake City, 1st, Jr. C.E., , 15.00

VINCENNES.—Evansville, Grace Ch., 9.45; Walnut St. Ch., 30; Petersburg, 1.50, C.E., 4; Princeton, 7; Rockport, C.E.,

5; Terre Haute, Central Ch., 10; Washington Av. Ch., 3.30; Vincennes, 9.95, C.E., 1.41, Willing Workers, 4.52, Solid Workers, 5; Upper Indiana Ch., 12.55; Washington, 11, C.E., 3, Jr. C.E., 2, 119.68

WATERLOO.—Ackley, 27.65, King's Sons, 4; Aplington, 3.50; Cedar Falls, 5.38; Conrad Grove, 2.60; Clarksville, 3, C.E., 3; Dows, C.E. Jr., 1; Salem Ch., 4.80, Whatsoever Bd., 5.35; Greene, 3, C.E., 2.30; Grundy Center, 13; Janesville, 3; LaPorte, 16.42; Marshalltown, 34, C.E., 10; Morrison, 4; Owassa, 1; Traer, Tranquillity Ch., 15; Waterloo, 28.65, C.E., 12.50; W. Friesland, 4, 207.15

WHITEWATER.—Newcastle, C.E., 6.75

WINNEBAGO.—Appleton Mem'l Ch., Y.L.S., 10; Marinette, Pioneer Ch., 32.72; Marshfield, 6.25, Bd., 1.07; Oconto, 15, C.E., 12.50; Oshkosh, 13.50; Shawano, 5; Stevens Point, 10, C.E., 5; Merrill, 8; Wausau, 10; Pbyl. Off., 10, 139.04

WINONA.—Blooming Prairie, 2; Canton, C.E., 5; Chatfield 8.75; Fremont, 17.71; Le Roy, 6; Rochester, 6.31; Winona, 6 51.77

MISCELLANEOUS.—Anon., 1; Claremont, Minn., 6.25; Tolono, Ill., 5.80; Pontiac, Mich., Y.L.S., 11.19, S.D. Circle, 11.19; Springfield, Portuguese Ch., Y.L.S., 15; M.E., 1.83; C.E. Socs. of Kearney Pby. (Ashton, 50 cts.; Cozad, 1.25; Central City, 1.50; Grand Island, 2.25, Mrs. Dodder, 1, Jr., 2; Kearney, 1; Lexington, 2; Litchfield, 1.50; Mira Creek, 1; Rockville, 50 cts.; St. Edwards, 2; Shelton, 4.54; St. Michael, 91 cts.), 21.95, 74.21

Total for month, $5,701.75
Total since April 20, $18,754.47

MRS. C. B. FARWELL, *Treas.*,
CHICAGO, Oct. 20, 1897. Room 48, McCormick Block.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for Oct., 1897.

BOSTON, MASS.—Boston, 1st, 53, Y.L.S., 16, Hershey Bd., 5; East Boston, 5, Y.L.S., 10; Roxbury, 43.63; Scotch, 3; South Boston, 5; Londonderry, N. H., 5.50; Newburyport, 1st, 15; Portland, Me., 5, Golden Rule Bd., 1.25; Providence, R. I., 7.50; Quincy, 2; South Ryegate, Vt., 3.25, $180.13

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, Ainslie St., 43.75; Bethany, 14.59; City Park Branch, 18.50; Classon Ave., 58; Duryea, 28.63; Franklin Ave., 2.81; 1st, 58.50; Grace, 5; Lafayette Ave., 68; Throop Ave., 84.55, Y.L.S., 5, Girls' Bd., 33.92, C.E., 10; Westm'r, 23.63, Y.L. Guild, 2, C.E., 2.50, 459.38

BUFFALO.—Buffalo, Covenant, 10; North, Y.P.S., 15; Orchard Park, C.E., 18; Silver Creek, 10, 53.00

CAYUGA.—Auburn, Hope Chapel, Lend a Hand Club, 5; Cayuga, 7; Ithaca, 45.37; Port Byron, 2.55; Weedsport, 6.66, 66.58

CHEMUNG.—Big Flats, 12.50; Dundee, 3.25; Elmira, 1st, 40.80; Franklin St., 4; North, 11.75; Hector, 10; Mecklenburg, 17.35; Monterey, 5; Moreland, 5; Sugar Hill, 5; Watkins, 30, 144.65

EBENEZER, KY.—Ashland, 3.50; Covington, King's Stars, 10; Dayton, 2.25; Lexington, 2d, 5, Light Bearers, 50 cts., Lucas Bd., 1.72; Ludlow, 1; Maysville, 30, 53.97

HUDSON.—Chester, 30; Haverstraw, Central, 50; Middletown, 2d, Soldiers of the King, 15; Milford, Pa., 4.23; Montgomery, Goodwill Ch., 18; Port Jervis, 13.60; Ramapo, 12.30; Ridgebury, 20; West Town, 5, 168.13

LONG ISLAND.—Amagansett, 10.08; Bridgehampton, 26.88; Cutchogue, 4; Franklinville Ch., 11.28; Greenport, 20; Manor, 2; Mattituck, 4.62; Middle Island, 14.09; Moriches, 9; Southampton, 80.59; Westhampton, 10, Miss Rachel Gould, 4; Yaphank, 5.60, 202.14

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Hopkinsville, 8; Louisville, Central, 35, Children's Bd., 17; Emmanuel, 4; Warren Mem'l, 100, Y.L. Guild, 15; Owensboro, 15, 194.00

LYONS.—Clyde, 10; East Palmyra, 5.20, C.E., 5.85; Palmyra, 10, C.E., 5; Wolcott, 7, 43.05

MORRIS AND ORANGE, N. J.—Morristown, South St., 156.25

NASSAU.—Freeport, 9.30, S.S., 9; Hempstead, 1.40; Huntington, 1st, 36; 2d, 13; Islip, 12.50; Jamaica, 26.87; Newtown, 13.50, Bd., 12; Oyster Bay, 4.50; Roslyn, 2.11; Smithtown, 6.45, Cheerful Workers, 25; Springfield, 5.93, C.E., 10, 187.56

NEW YORK.—New York, Church of the Puritans, Puritan Guild, 25; Fifth Ave., 479, Y.W.S., 150; First Union, 22; Lenox, 12.01; Madison Sq., Mrs. G. Wood, 25; Mt. Washington Ch., 30; North, 50; Olivet, S.S. Miss. Ass'n, 10; Park, 7; Scotch, Jr. C.E., 12, 822.01

NIAGARA.—Albion, 10, Hoskins Bd., 15; Carlton, 7; Holley, 5.41; Knowlesville, 2.50; Lewiston, 12; Lockport, 1st, 30, Y.L.S., 7.10; Niagara Falls, 1st, 24.50; North Tonawanda, 17.25; Somerset, 1.50; Wilson, 3; Wrights Corners, 7, 142.26

OTSEGO.—Cherry Valley, 10; Cooperstown, 12.50; Delhi, 1st, 27.10; 2d, 14.25; East Guilford, 1.50; Guilford Centre, 4; Oneonta, 23.75; Unadilla, 6; Worcester, 8, 107.10

ROCHESTER.—Avon, East, 5; Brockport, 4.25; Fowlerville, 2.60; Geneseo Village, 30; Mendon, 10, Do What You Can Bd., 2.50; Moscow, 5; Rochester, Brick, 100; Calvary, 12.50; Central, Y.W.S., 50; First, 30; Mem'l, 3.50, King's Messengers, 24; North, 33; St. Peter's, 5.26; Pres'l Soc., 9.65, 327.26

STEUBEN.—Almond, 2; Andover, 6.07; Bath, 20; Canisteo, 4.40; Cuba, 5.20; Hammondsport, 11; Hornellsville, 6.62; Howard, 1; Jasper, 2; Prattsburgh, Jr. C.E., 1.25, 59.69

UTICA.—Clinton, S.S., 25; Little Falls, 25; New York Mills, Y.L.S., 23; Oriskany, 5; Rome, 35, Mrs. A. Ethridge, 25; South Trenton, 6; Turin, 10; Utica, Bethany, Miss Gilbert, 225; 1st, Mrs. Goldthwaite, 100; Mem'l, 25; Westernville, 5, 509.00

WESTCHESTER.—Bedford, Willing Workers, 6; Bridgeport, Ct., Hope Bd., 5; Dobbs Ferry, 15; Mt. Kisco, 3; New Haven, 1st, 7.57; New Rochelle, 1st, 27.55; Rye, 53; Yonkers, 1st, Jr. Aux., 5, 122.12

MISCELLANEOUS.—For Africa, 25.00

Total, $4,023.13
Total since April 1, 1897, $17,280.72

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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest for the Month ending Oct. 24, 1897.

AUSTIN.—Pearsall, Y.L.C., 1.50; San Antonio, Mad. Sq., 3.50, $5.00

CHOCTAW.—Atoka, 3; Krebs, 4; S. McAlester, 1.75, 8.75

EMPORIA.—Burlington, 2; Conway Springs, 4.44; Council Grove, C.E., 7.50; Derby, 1.80, Morning Stars, 97 cts.; El Dorado, 3.66; Emporia, 7.25, Arundel Ave., 1.42; Florence, 18.72, Jr. C.E., 14; Madison, 2, C.E., 41 cts.; Newton, 5.90; Osage City, 2.35; Waverly, 2.50; Wellington, 8.08; Wichita, 1st, 11.30, C.E., 10, West Side, 9.50; Winfield, 7, 120.80

HIGHLAND.—Effingham, 5.30; Frankfort, C.E., 3.15; Hiawatha, 65 cts.; Highland, 14.35; Holton, 3.35; Horton, 2.13; Parallel, 9; Washington, 1.85, 39.78

KANSAS CITY.—Appleton City, 1.95; Brownington, 3.80; Butler, 4.75; Clinton, 10.65; Holden, 1.70, C.E., 5.90; Independence, 24; Kansas City, 2d, 29.55; 3d, 9; 5th, 4.25; Lowry City, 1.60; Osceola, 5.45; Raymore, 5; Sedalia, Central, 4; Sharon, 5, 116.70

LARNED.—Dodge City, 2.50; Freeport, 2; Great Bend, C.E., 2; Hutchinson, 8, Y.L.S., 10; Kingman, 2.10; Larned, Bd. of Workers, 5.50; Lyons, 5; McPherson, 5.50; Pratt, 80 cts., C.E., 1.50, 44.90

OKLAHOMA.—Guthrie, 3.13; Mulhall, 1; Shawnee, 1.95, 6.08

OSBORNE.—Calvert, Mrs. Bieber, 75 cts.; Phillipsburg, 2.17; Smith Center, 4; Wa Keeney, 45 cts., 7.37

PALMYRA.—Bethel, 1.35; Brookfield, 95 cts.; Center, 1.50; Clarence, 55 cts.; Edina, 4.75; Ethel, 1; Hannibal, 33.95, Jr. C.E., 5; La Grange, 2.35; Louisiana, 1.35, Jr. C.E., 50 cts.; Macon, 3.70, Mission Bd., 4.20; Moberly, 3.05; New Cambria, 1.37; New Providence, 4, 69.57

PLATTE.—Avalon, 6, Jr. C.E., 1; Carrollton, 5; Chillicothe, Jr. C.E., 10; Fairfax, 5; King City, 4.15; New Hampton, 1.50; Parkville, 16.90, Busy Bee Bd., 15; Savannah, 6.80; Stanberry, 10.10; St. Joseph, Westm'r, 7.51; Tarkio, 18.25; Tina, 4.85; Weston, 7, 119.06

SEQUOYAH.—Muscogee, 6.50

SOLOMON.—Abilene, 9; Bennington, 5; Belleville, 3.50; Clyde, 2.35; Cawker City, 6; College Hill, C.E., 15; Minneapolis, 7.26; Lincoln, 2.20, C.E., 2.86, Jr. C.E., 1.12; Poheta, 1.50; Salina, 5.75; Solomon, 2.10, Jr. C.E., 2; A Friend, 20; Sylvan Grove, Jr. C.E., 2, 87.64

ST. LOUIS.—A Friend, 60; Clifton Heights, 1.75; Ferguson, 8.35; Kirkwood, 18.75, Y.L.M.S., 13; Marble Hill, 3.40, Ch., 3.40, E.W.M., 50; Poplar Bluff, 5.50, C.E., 1; Rock Hill, 12; St. Louis, Carondelet, 9.20; Cote Brilliante, C.E., 7.45; Ch. of the Covenant, 3; Glasgow Ave., 1.75, Mother's Mem., 15; Laf. Park, 31.35; McCausland Ave., 3; North Ch., 5; Wash. & Compton, 100, Y.L.S., 20; West Ch., C.E., 25; Westm'r, 4.60; Webster Groves, 6, 408.50

TOPEKA.—Auburn, 5; Baldwin, 3.30; Junction City, 5; Kansas City, 1st, 17, C.E., 18; Central, 5; Grandview Park, 3.70; West Highlands, 4; Manhattan, Seymour, 8; Rossville, 5; Topeka, 1st, 20, C.E., 5; 2d, 5; 3d, 4; Westm'r, 11.20, C.E., 15; Vinland, 4.70, 138.90

MISCELLANEOUS.—Guthrie, Okla., 9; Macon, Mo., Miss. Bd., 3.45; Kansas City, Mo., 2d Ch., 5; Sunnyside, Mo., C.E., 19.10; Year Books, 6, 42.55

Total for month, $1,222.10
Total to date, $2,727.81

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